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Golda Meir, accompanied by General Bar-Lev, inspects a border settlement.

Sends "regrets

Sharp relays Kosygin message

In a letter addressed to Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, speaking for Prime Minister Trudeau, sought to explain that Premier Kosygin's reference to "riff-raff" during his visit to Ottawa did not refer to those who demonstrated on behalf of the Jewish community. Sharp claimed that the comment was directed against a Burke Society member who attacked him on Parliament Hill. Sharp's letter read:

"On behalf of Prime Minister Trudeau, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of October 22nd concerning remarks made by Premier Kosygin, as well as your letter to me of October 12th in which you request my assistance in arranging for a meeting between Canadian Jewish spokesmen and Premier Kosygin. Having received two Prime Ministers and two Foreign Ministers in Ottawa during the past week, I trust you will appreciate the delay in my responding to these two pieces of correspondence.

"With reference to your concern to remarks made by Premier Kosygin at his Ottawa press conference, I would draw your attention to the Canadian Press story of October 26th, a copy of which is attached. You will notice that the Canadian Press reporters present at the news conference interpreted Mr. Kosygin's comment about "riff-raff" as directed against the young man who attacked him the previous Monday on Parliament Hill. This interpretation was subsequently confirmed by reporters and officials in discussions with Mr. Kosygin's interpreter.

"I attach, as well, a copy of a letter from Mr. Ivan Head of the Prime Minister's staff to Mr. Sydney Harris, Q.C. of the Canadian Jewish Congress concerning the interest of the Congress in having a meeting with Mr. Kosygin. I am sure you will see from this letter the efforts made by the Canadian Government on behalf of the Canadian Jewish community and Mr. Kosygin's response to these efforts."

In a letter addressed to Sydney Harris, Regional Chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ivan L. Head, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, writing on behalf of Premier Alexei Kosygin, explained that the Soviet leader was unable to accede to the request made by the Canadian Jewish leaders for a meeting, because of his heavy schedule of appointments. Head's letter read:

"Premier Kosygin has asked me to write to you to explain why he was not able, while in Canada, to acknowledge your letter. I am not sure of the channel through which it was delivered to him but it did not reach the hands of his staff until his arrival in Toronto on Sunday evening, October 24.

"Mr. Kosygin was explicit in his message for you. Had there been time in his program to see you and your colleagues, he would have done so. He did feel, however, that he would have been discourteous had he not been able to talk with you for at least an hour. As you will appreciate, his program in Toronto yesterday was a crowded one even following the cancellation of one of the planned visits.

"I expect that you will hear from Mr. Kosygin's office direct, but to avoid any delay I am happy to comply with the request that he has made of me in order to place this information in your hands."

Kosygin's comments, as conveyed indirectly by two Canadian government officials are under study by Congress leadership.

Brezhnev accuses Israel of playing with fire

PARIS (JCNS) -

Leonid Brezhnev, first secretary of the Soviet Communist Party returned to Moscow this week following a visit to France.

During his visit, Brezhnev accused Israel of "playing with fire in the Middle East."

Mr. Brezhnev, in France for a state visit, also accused Israel of delaying a Middle East settlement by ignoring United Nations moves to solve the crisis.

But Brezhnev's references to Israel at a state dinner, also attended by President Pompidou, were brief. In his speech, however, he spoke of the "aggressor (Israel) still occupying Arab lands."

President Pompidou expressed France's preference for a resumption of the talks by the Big Four Powers (the USA, the USSR, Britain and France), to find a solution to the Middle East dispute. This has been in abeyance because of the initiative of William Rogers, the American Secretary of State, for an interim settlement with the object of reopening the Suez Canal.

Mr. Brezhnev was greeted at Orly airport by a group of Jewish students holding posters denouncing Soviet anti-Semitism and calling for the right of emigration for Soviet Jews and the release of those in prison.

A group of French Communists who were also present at the airport then beat one of the students, causing him serious injuries.

Later in the day, Paris Jewry organized a huge telephone campaign, with many calls being made to Soviet offices in Paris, urging the release of Soviet-Jewish prisoners and the granting of the right of emigration to any Jews who wished to leave the USSR.

Professor Adolph Steg, the president of Crif (the representative council of French Jewry), disclosed that he had a meeting with President Pompidou last week, at which he had asked the President to request Brezhnev to institute a changed policy towards Soviet Jews.

When Brezhnev visited the Louvre there was another demonstration, with shouts of "Freedom for Soviet Jewry" and the distribution of leaflets. The police rounded up a number of the demonstrators, all young, but released them later.

The following day, the Chief Rabbi of France Dr. Jacob Kaplan, gave a sermon on Soviet Jewry after the service at the main synagogue on Rue de la Victoire.

It was followed by a mass rally at the Place des Vosges, near the Jewish quarter of Paris.

Doubts U.S. will punish Israel for China vote in Assembly

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) -

Yosef Tekoah, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, said this week that Israel's vote on the China question was based on the conviction that its vote for seating of Communist China was one giving recognition to the right of the government of the People's Republic "to represent China, a member of the United Nations, and not a vote for the expulsion of a member state."

Israel joined in the losing vote to declare the expulsion of the Taiwan regime an "important question" requiring a two-thirds vote. Jordan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia also voted for that motion. Then, after its defeat, Israel voted for the second motion to admit Red China to replace Taiwan. At least 18 nations critical of Israel's mideast policy voted for the second resolution.

Jan Berris, an aide to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations who is on loan from the U.S. State Department, said that Washington would probably not hold Israel's vote against her. "I don't think it really matters," she said, noting that Israel had backed the U.S. on the "important question" vote - which would have made it harder to expel Taiwan - and that after the defeat of that measure the pro-Peking forces "obviously had a simple majority" and that it was in Israel's best interest to join in.

Miss Berris, who is considered by the State Department to be an expert on the People's Republic of China, noted that Israel has recognized mainland China since 1950, although the move has not been reciprocated and Peking has aided the Palestinian movement. Miss Berris, who is Jewish, said her organization, which she described as "a non-partisan, non-political, educational committee," was formed in 1966 and has 230 members across the country. She stressed that it takes no position on the Chinese-seating question. The committee is financed by the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations. Its aim is to help establish relations between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China.

Miss Berris emphasized "when it counted, they (Israel) did vote with the U.S.," i.e. on the "important question" vote. She would not speculate on how Peking's UN membership would affect the Mideast situation.

Disciples of Christ voice support of Russian Jewry

NEW YORK (JTA) -

In what may be the strongest statement on the situation of Soviet Jewry by an organized Christian group, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) demanded freedom of emigration and resolved to bring its statement to the attention of the appropriate national leaders. The resolution was passed in Louisville, Ky., at the Church's biennial national assembly.

It was immediately welcomed "with appreciation" by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national Interreligious Affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, who declared: "The fact that this national body of Christian leadership, representing over 5,000 churches and a million and a half people, has publicly identified itself with the plight of the Jewish victims of Soviet persecution and oppression is another dramatic demonstration that the conscience of mankind will not rest until liberation and justice prevail for the three million Russian Jews, and hopefully for all other people who are denied their human rights in the Soviet Union."

The resolution recognizes that "in 1971 there has been particularly blatant discrimination in the Soviet Union practiced against the three million Jews, who unlike the Christians, are not permitted to publish devotional literature or articles."

Edmonton protestors face dogs and RCMP

by Lyla Lebane

EDMONTON (CJN)

It was going to be difficult to protest.

Because Edmonton is considered a high-risk area, the RCMP wouldn't release the details of Kosygin's itinerary. It took a lot of convincing on the part of Dr. Harold Fayerman, president of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council to get the Mounties to release that itinerary, but when they finally did, they proved most co-operative, and even helped us in our protest.

First, our "marshalls" were trained by them, because we had to be prepared for the real possibility of an attack on us by the many pro-Communist groups in Edmonton.

Secondly they helped arrange a protest area close to the plant that Kosygin would be visiting - the only area near Edmonton in which a crowd would be visible to the Soviet leader.

In assembling for the protest, the Mounties led a 200 car caravan on a circular route of side roads towards the demonstration area . . . we drove with our headlights on . . . and we stretched over two and one half miles.

We ended up walking over a mile and assembling in a farmer's field just outside the factory. Forty Mounties stood on an embankment looking down on us. At the side of the highway was a station wagon full of police dogs. In the air hovered army helicopters, with soldiers aiming sub-machine guns at us. We could sense how Jews must have felt a quarter of a century ago - Jews in a field with German soldiers all around them.

Then came the out-riders and finally the big black car. And suddenly there was Kosygin, only 25 feet away. We knew he saw us and that he couldn't miss our message, and suddenly the RCMP, the army, the dogs, and the guns didn't mean a thing.

The shofar was sounded, and we all prayed and we all knew that our voices carried to Heaven and to our brothers in the Soviet Union.

Mrs. Lebane is an active member of the Edmonton Jewish community.

Denounces cruel treatment

ROME (JCNS)

Dr. Elio Toaff, the Chief Rabbi of Rome, has appealed to the civil and religious authorities and humanitarian organizations in Italy to intercede for the Syrian Jews reported to have been imprisoned and tortured after attempting to leave for Lebanon.

He urged the Italians to expedite "energetic action for the unfortunate men, women and children who are undergoing inhuman treatment and terrible medieval persecution in Syrian jails."

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Meir claims U.S. spurs Arabs to war

JERUSALEM (JTA) -

Premier Golda Meir accused the United States at week's end of encouraging the Arabs toward war rather than a settlement by withholding arms from Israel and yielding to Egyptian terms for an interim Suez agreement.

Mrs. Meir made her accusations in a political statement to the Knesset at the opening of its fall session.

She warned that no amount of pressure would force Israel to make political concessions that might endanger her security. The Premier said that since last March "worrisome changes" have occurred in the U.S. attitude toward an interim settlement.

She said that when Secretary of State William Rogers recently advanced the view that some compromise could be reached with regard to Egyptian troop crossings of the Suez Canal, he was in effect accepting the Egyptian principle that its forces must be allowed to occupy areas evacuated by Israeli forces under an interim agreement.

Mrs. Meir said Israel objected vigorously to this. She said the whole idea of an interim settlement was to separate the opposing forces, not to bring them together on the eastern side of the canal. She said that in all previous contacts with the U.S. State Department, Israel had stressed that the U.S. must not advance proposals of its own lest it impair its role of mediator between the two sides, create a deadlock and adversely affect the prospects of negotiations.

Mrs. Meir said the cessation of supply of aircraft from the U.S. was particularly serious in view of the increasing supply of Soviet arms to the Arabs. She said the Russians have sent Egypt 120 aircraft since the ceasefire began in Aug. 1970 and that the total number of warplanes in Egypt's possession is now 500. Without doubt, Mrs. Meir declared, this has upset the arms balance in the region and encouraged the Arabs in their preparations to violate the ceasefire.

She added that Israel rejects the view that makes arms supplies dependent on any other issue, directly or indirectly. Political concessions will not be obtained from Israel by withholding vital supplies, she declared. She warned that an Egyptian attack would result in another Egyptian defeat. But, Mrs. Meir said, Israel wants either unconditional negotiations or at least an interim settlement, not another round of fighting.

The Knesset gave her an overwhelming vote of confidence.

Agudath Israel youth picket New York Hadassah offices

NEW YORK

An overflow crowd of nearly 2,000 Orthodox youth gathered in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn to launch a "How Long Hadassah" campaign. The campaign, sponsored by Zeirei Agudath Israel, the national orthodox youth group affiliated with Agudath Israel of America, is an effort to influence the American Hadassah leadership to halt the alleged practice in the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem of post-mortems without family consent. "How long," the youth gathering declared, "will you (Hadassah) refuse to grant your brothers and sisters in Israel the same basic right that you enjoy in America - the right to enter any hospital without fear that your body will become public property?"

The renowned Torah authority, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, chairman of the Council of Torah Sages of Agudath Israel and president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, addressed the orthodox youth gathering and pleaded that the "sanctity of the body" not be violated. Gatherings were also sponsored simultaneously by the Agudist youth organization in Baltimore, Cleveland, Chicago and Toronto. Thousands of leaflets were distributed urging the youth to plead "How long" to Hadassah by phoning the local Hadassah office in New York. The youths left the rally chanting the national Hadassah phone number which was posted in the auditorium of the Agudath Israel Center of Boro Park, where the gathering was held.

The Zeirei Agudath Israel administration declared that it would not relent until the American Hadassah "stopped the undemocratic practice in their hospital in Jerusalem which sets the tune for all medical practice in Israel." The orthodox youth were particularly bitter over the fact that Mrs. Faye Schenk, National President of Hadassah, ignored repeated written requests by the Zeirei Agudath Israel president, David Friedman, to meet with her to discuss the problem.

A spokesman for the Orthodox youth organization stressed that his group has sharply condemned the actions of extremists against pathologists, in Israel. "We are not anti-Hadassah or anti-Israel," the spokesman said. "All we want is that sick people in Israel should not die because of their fear to enter a hospital where an autopsy could be performed on their body without authorization."

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

MIZRACHI SABBATH IN MONTREAL

Adath Israel Congregation, Ducharme Ave. in Outremont, has dedicated Saturday, Nov. 13 as Mizrachi Sabbath. On that day, the sermon will be delivered by Rabbi Benjamin Hauer, national director of the Mizrachi Movement of Canada. An exhibit of Mizrachi accomplishments in Israel and Canada will be presented to the worshippers.

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JAZZ - NEW DIMENSION IN JEWISH WORSHIP

On Friday evening, Nov. 19, Holly Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., will present the Canadian premiere of a worship service in jazz, featuring Cantor Sheldon Merel and choir with pianist Lou Snider and his instrumental quintet. The music for the Sabbath liturgy, written by Cantor Charles Davidson of Philadelphia is entitled "And David Danced Before the Lord." Capturing the sounds of jazz and the blues of yesteryear, the musical settings are designed to create a new dimension in Jewish worship. The public is cordially invited to attend the service at 8:25 p.m.

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YOUNG JUDEA CONVENES 30TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Young Judea's 30th National Convention will be convened from December 27 through 31 at the Holiday Inn in Kenora, Ontario. A number of outstanding Canadian and Israeli Zionist leaders will be in attendance. National president David Heller reports that the program has been structured in the form of workshops for discussion and study..

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Temple Sinai Sisterhood suggests that you mark Sunday, Nov. 21 on your calendar as an "evening of varied enjoyment." There will be something for everyone - His and Hers Fashions by Rodolphe, live music by the Nova Sound, boutiques for antique lovers and art collectors. The $2.50 admission charge also includes door prizes and refreshments. Tickets are available at the Temple office.

AMBASSADOR MERON TO ADDRESS Z.O.C. CONFERENCE

The National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of Canada will hold its annual conference at the Park Plaza Hotel, Nov. 6 and 7. Program highlights will be addresses by Israeli Ambassador Theodor Meron; Col. Jacob Monbaz, consul general of Israel; and Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the board of directors of the American Zionist Federation.

Those interested in attending should contact Z.O.C. headquarters at 781-3571 for further information and reservations.

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CONSERVATIVE BROTHERHOODS TO MEET

The Great Lakes Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs will be meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on Nov. 5-8. Representatives from brotherhoods of Conservative synagogues throughout Ontario, Michigan and Ohio will be attending.

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BARGAIN HUNTERS PLEASE NOTE

The Leah Kidron Chapter of Toronto Mizrachi Women is having a pre-bazaar sale of brand new merchandise - clothes, linens - on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 60 Dalemount Ave. from 1 to 7 p.m. The funds raised from the sale are to be used for education of children in Israel.

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ART EXHIBIT AND AUCTION

An art exhibit and auction, sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, will take place on Sunday, Nov. 21. Visitors will be able to view the original oils and lithographs from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The auction starts at 8:30 sharp!

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SERVICE TO OLDER CITIZENS

As part of B'nai B'rith Women's "People Helping People" program, Call and Care is a service provided by 30 women of Sha'aron Chapter, to older citizens who live alone. It is the member's responsibility to phone her "parent" at a designated time each day. This is important as the shut-in relies on this call. Should there be no response, the caller places follow-up calls to relatives or friends to ensure the well-being of the "parent."

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AGUDATH ISRAEL CONVENTION

An in-depth examination of challenges facing orthodox Judaism throughout the world will take place at the 49th National convention of Agudath Israel of North America, Nov. 25-28 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Over 1,000 delegates are expected to attend, including guests from Israel and Europe. A large Canadian delegation will be headed by Mr. Moshe Nussbaum, president of the Toronto branch.

Congress faces crossroads at Triennial

by Michael Solomon

MONTREAL (CJN) -

The 16th plenary assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress will be held in Montreal, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Nov. 13-16.

Some 1,000 delegates, elected from almost all Jewish organizations across Canada will participate at this national convention of Canadian Jewry. The triennial event is given great attention by those attending its debates not only because of the impressive number of delegates - the greatest in CJC's 50 years of history - but also for its unique agenda.

Saul Hayes, executive vice president of the Canadian Jewish Congress regards the assembly as crucial for Canada's Jewry.

In search of new formulas

Hayes explained, "I would very much like to avoid old cliches like 'crossroads of history' or 'the crucial moment' when considering the 16th plenary assembly. I wish to stress, however, that the approaching triennial convention and the resolutions that will be adopted on that occasion will leave their mark for a long time on Canadian Jewry.

"New situations have arisen within the Jewish community and new ideas have come to the fore that we didn't think of three years ago. The political and social scenes are changing very swiftly nowadays and solutions must be found quickly if we wish our Jewish institutions to exist and prosper.

"One field in which accommodation is necessary is education for Jewish children in Canada. In the past, education was not the province of the Allied Jewish Community Services. Under the influence of U.S. Jewish organizations on one hand, and the growing intervention of the State in welfare and health on the other, the local communities, once mainly devoted to charity and health activities, ask to have their voice in the educational domain too.

"Without overdramatizing the situation we are faced with a totally new situation. But the Congress is aware that an accommodation can and must be found with the Allied

Sol Hayes

Jewish Community Services, in the important problem of Jewish education and will strive to find a suitable cooperation between the two organizations."

Other problems

"The attention of Canadian Jewry has lately dramatically shifted to such high priority questions as the future of Israel and the fate of Soviet Jewry. In dealing with these highly urgent problems the Federation of Canadian Zionist Organizations asks vigorously for her share of action.

"It means that we must establish between the CJC and the FZOC a device for policy-making in this highly explosive area.

"This is nothing new as we have a 35 year old partnership with the B'nai B'rith and that partnership is still going strong. I don't see why there could be no accommodation with the FZOC as well.

"There is a continuously growing pressure from within our communities to come to the relief of Jews elsewhere and that must be taken into account in the future policy of the Congress."

Democracy dependent on electorate

"While the corporate powers and structure of the Canadian Jewish Congress makes it easily the most democratic of all organizations, the problem is that in order to have democracy work you also must have an electorate willing to fully participate in the process. It is like in municipal elections where, say 25% of the electorate goes to vote or, in general elections a mere 40% is exercising its franchise. The best you can get is a majority government elected by minority participation.

"The apathy of many Jews on questions of general interest makes the democratic operations of the Congress less visible than they ought to be.

"This is a grave concern for all democracies except Sweden where the alternative for not exercising the political franchise is going to jail.

A unique agenda

"The coming plenary assembly will be somewhat unique if we take into account the fact that the agenda calls for a survey of the North American Jewry to be done by a resident of Israel and world authority as Prof. Moshe Davis, director of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; the problem of Diaspora Jews and the centrality of Israel to be analyzed by Dr. Yaakov Herzog, director general of the Prime Minister's office in Israel, and the problem of Israel itself to be presented by Dr. Joseph Burg, Israel minister of Interior. The Canadian Jewish view on problems affecting Canadian Jewry and its relations with Israel and world Jewry will be the subject of my talk.

"It should be clearly stressed, however, that the 16th plenary assembly will be mainly a delegates conference with the speakers only there to introduce the subject matter."

The election of a new president replacing Monroe Abbey, Q.C. who comes to the end of his term and National Officers will close the business of the Assembly.

A single candidacy for the presidency is, so far, that of Mr. Sol Kanee, a resident of Winnipeg and chairman of the CJC executive.

Toronto family joins Ben Gurion on 85th birthday

Photo taken at birthday breakfast - seated, left to right: Johnathan Epstein, Ben Gurion, Mrs. Norman Epstein, Ester Harari (Israeli cousin of the Epsteins); back row standing, Julie and Karen Epstein.

by Miriam Herman

According to young Toronto matron, Carol Epstein, things are always happening when she and her family are in Israel. Their visit there this past summer was no exception.

Accompanied by their three children, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Epstein were spending about six weeks in Israel. As president of the Israel Medical Association he was involved in hospital work in Arad, near Massada, close to the desert.

In mid-September the Epsteins were among the 12 guests invited to an 85th birthday breakfast for former prime minister David Ben Gurion who was vacationing in Haifa at the time. This was prior to the official celebrations which took place upon his return to his desert home. Ben Gurion's message to his visitors was the same as it has always been - his desire for all Jews to settle in Israel and his belief that the only allies and supporters of Israel are the Jews themselves.

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Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg, spiritual leader of Beth Tzedec Congregation, will be honored by his alma mater, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Rabbi Rosenberg, who was ordained by the seminary in 1945, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. The presentation will be made at a special academic convocation on Sunday, Nov. 14. at the Park Avenue Synagogue, New York.

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Stage and movie actor **Joseph Wiseman** will be in town on Nov. 23 for a special dramatic presentation at the Presidential Citation Dinner of the Jewish Theological Seminary. The Montreal-born actor, remembered as **Dr. No** from the picture of the same name, has appeared on stage and screen in numerous roles and received critical recognition for his role **In the matter of J. Oppenheimer.**

Another visitor to Toronto in November - **Dr. Yitzchak Raphael,** member of the Knesset and of the Israel delegation at the United Nations will address a public meeting on Wed., Nov. 17 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. A prominent leader of the National Religious Movement, he will speak on "Israel - State and Religion."

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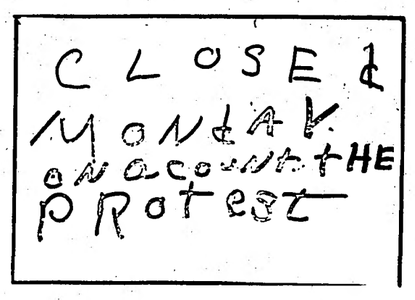
Here is your chance to meet the author of the best seller **Our Crowd** an account of German Jewish settlers in America. **Stephen Birmingham** will be in Toronto for Hadassah's Ajalon Chapter's Meet the Author night. His latest book, "The Grandees" deals with the first Jewish settlers from Spain. The date is Sunday, Nov. 28 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.



Sam Ruth, executive director of Baycrest Centre reports that "we have a shoe shine parlor run by one of our residents and he hates to close down for any reason. However, he decided to close his business in respect of the Protest and this is a facsimile of his handmade sign announcing this fact."

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Max Wershoff of Ottawa has been appointed Canadian ambassador to Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Son of a Hebrew school teacher, the Edmonton educated lawyer was legal advisor to the external affairs department in Ottawa and served as Canada's ambassador to the United Nations European Headquarters in Geneva from 1957-62.

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Eddie Gedalof is the new national director of Canadian Young Judea. A graduate of McGill University, he spent a year at the Jewish Institute for youth leaders in Jerusalem and has been involved in youth movement activities on the local, regional and national scene.

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Mrs. Robert Bourassa, wife of the premier of Quebec, will officially open the 10th Annual Art Exhibition of the Golden Age association at a preview and sherry party to be held on Nov. 21 at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, Montreal.

Sister Marie Noelle de Baillehache

Nun guest speaker

An unusual visitor speaking to a Jewish audience will be Sister Marie Noelle de Baillehache of the order of Our Lady of Zion. She will take part as guest speaker at the Yiddish Festival Oneg Shabbat which opens on Friday evening, Nov. 5 at Holy Blossom Temple.

Sister Marie is known in Jewish circles, especially in Montreal, for her interest in the Yiddish language. Since her arrival in Canada 12 years ago from her native country, France, she has formed a close relationship with a number of Jewish writers and the Jewish Public Library in Montreal. She took a deep interest in the work of the late Yiddish Canadian poet J.J. Segal, and has translated some of his poems into French.

Sisters of Zion teach Hebrew and Arabic

JERUSALEM

The fifth year of the Arab-Israel cultural program, conducted by the Hebrew University's Adult Education Center in the Ecce Homo Convent of the Sisters of Zion Order in the Old City of Jerusalem, opened on Oct. 14 with an enrollment of some 400 students, including 120 Jews and a record of 280 Arabs.

The program, initiated by the university shortly after the Six Day War and sponsored by Yad Avi Hayishuv (The Rothschild Foundation), will now have 10 classes of Hebrew (compared to nine last year) and four classes of Arabic. More than 100 students from East and West Jerusalem were turned down for lack of space.

Courses were held at the convent in the early evening twice a week, and this year classes were advanced by 30 minutes in order to enable Arab students from outlying areas to catch the last bus back to their neighborhoods. As a result of this, students living in the Jerusalem suburb of Bet Hanina, as well as in the cities of Ramallah and Hebron in Judea, now attend the ulpan (intensive language course).

New this year will be an ulpan in the Bethlehem suburb of Bet Jalla. There will be two classes in Hebrew and in addition one in Arabic for some 20 students in the nearby Hargiloh Field School. It is intended to develop this program into an Arab-Jewish cultural center in Bet Jalla.

In Hebron, Arabs are studying at an ulpan instituted by the Hebrew University four years ago, after a delegation from that city had visited Mr. Kalman Yaron, director of the university's Adult Education Center, and asked him to set up a language teaching program in Hebron along the same lines as that in Jerusalem.

The Hebron ulpan now has some 200 students, including teachers, officials and businessmen. On the occasion of the opening of the new school year, Hebrew University teachers and Hebron ulpan students recently had a social meeting in the form of a luncheon at the city's Park Hotel. Among those present were several notables, two headmistresses of a high school for girls in the Hebron area and the principal of a high school for boys in Hebron.

ISRAEL BOND NEWSMAKERS

"BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS..." CANADA'S FIRST CORPORATE DINNER FOR ISRAEL BONDS

A capacity audience of more than 750 filled the Centennial Ballroom of the Inn on the Park to capacity on Thursday evening, Oct. 28th to make the Tribute Dinner honoring Jack Stupp, President of Consumers Distributing Company Ltd. a success "exceeding all expectations" in the words of Dinner Chairman Ted Richmond. Present were top leaders in trade and commerce from both Canada and the U.S., who subscribed more than $700,000 in Israel Bonds in honor of Jack Stupp. Major General Mordechai Hod, Commander of Israel's Air Force delivered a dynamic address outlining Israel's priorities to safeguard the present fragile peace in the Middle East, with strong defense capability and economic resources as most vital, as a deterrent to Israel's enemies.

General Hod congratulates Jack Stupp upon receiving the "Shalom Award" for 1971, at Canada's first Corporate Dinner, sponsored by Consumers Distributing Company. Presentation was made by D. Lou Harris, National Chairman, State of Israel Bonds of Canada. Shown here, left to right, are Al Binstock, Co-Ordinating Chairman, Management Dinner Committee; Mrs. Binstock, General Hod, Mrs. Stupp, and Award Recipient, Jack Stupp.

HENNICK BROTHERS HONORED

It was a "first" for Toronto B'nai B'rith when three brothers - Harry, Irving and Nathan Hennick, were simultaneously honored for their Israel Bond achievements, at the October 23rd Tribute Dinner sponsored by Sportsmen Lodge. Israel Bond purchases made by members and friends at the Dinner also set a new record for Sportsmen Lodge. Shown here, left to right, are: Murray Ehrlick, Dinner Co-Chairman, Irving Hennick, Murray Biback, Dinner Co-Chairman, Nathan Hennick, Harry Hennick, Hank Greenberg, over-all B'nai B'rith Bond Chairman; and Robert Mayer Evans, guest speaker.

BETH EMETH HONORS SHEFSKY

Morris Shoom held a very successful advance reception in honor of Gerald Shefsky on October 27th, for a group who will be participants at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Dinner on behalf of the congregational Bond program, to take place on November 4th at the synagogue. Rabbi Dr. Leon Kronish of Miami Beach was distinguished guest speaker at the reception. Shown here, left to right, are: Harry Lerman, synagogue president; Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Sydney Moscoe, Bond Chairman; Gerald Shefsky, who will be the award recipient at the dinner; Morris Shoom, and Rabbi Dr. Leon Kronish.

ISRAEL BOND CALENDAR

Sunday, November 7th - Drildzer Society Bond breakfast, 326 Wilson Ave. Dr. Norman W. Shaul is guest speaker.

Monday, November 8th - Accountants Reception, hosted by Marvin Kates. William Eisenberg, guest of honor.

Tuesday, November 9th - Accountants Reception, hosted by Morris Adams.

Wednesday, November 10 - Clanton Park Reception, hosted by Dr. Norman W. Shaul.

Thursday, November 11 - Accountants Reception, hosted by Syd Bossin and Jack Young. Shaarei Shomayim Reception hosted by Sydney Greenstein. Jack Kosoy is guest of honor.

Sunday, November 14 - Mizrachi Hapoel-Hamizrachi Candlelight Reception, Park Plaza Hotel. Mrs. Max (Thelma) Citron, guest of honor and Award Recipient.

"Operation Cleanup" in progress

"Operation Cleanup" of the United Appeal campaign for $12,850,000 is now in progress and campaign chairman Jim Thackray is optimistic about reaching the objective.

While the campaign ends officially today (Nov. 5), Mr. Thackray has called on all canvassers to "keep on going until we finish the job successfully." As of Oct. 29 the campaign had reached 77% of its objective and indications during this week were that the objective is in sight.

The Jewish community has a big stake in the success of the United Appeal as the United Community Fund, which is funded by the UA, allocates more than $820,000 to Jewish agencies.

Allocations are as follows:

Council of Jewish Social Service Agencies $32,800; Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care 144,300; Jewish Family & Child Service 379,500; Jewish Vocational Service 92,290; Toronto Hebrew Re-Establishment Service 23,915; YM & YWHA 134,800 and Mothers' and Babes Home 13,300.

In addition, the UCF has given a grant of $11,000 to the United Jewish Welfare Fund to develop the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly program.

Kerry Rubinstein, a grade 12 student at Bathurst Heights, is congratulated by Jim Thackray. Kerry is this year's Miss United Appeal, which she won over 50 contestants from over Metro.

1,500 gather for 40th General Assembly of Council of Jewish Federations

Emerging new patterns of American Jewish committment and concern in meeting key priorities at home, in Israel and in other overseas lands, will be the focus of a comprehensive agenda considered by some 1,500 delegates attending the 40th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF), Pittsburgh, Pa., November 10-14.

The Council is the national association of more than 230 local Federations, Welfare Funds and Community Councils serving more than 800 communities in the United States and Canada. This year's Assembly will bring together Jewish leaders from virtually every community in the United States and Canada with an appreciable Jewish population, overseas delegations from England and France, as well as other foreign dignitaries and participants.

More than 50 sessions and workshops will be devoted to the broad scope of needs and opportunities at home, overseas and in Israel that are before the American Jewish communities.

Featured also are sessions whose focus is: Initial findings of the National Jewish Population Study; Jews in poverty; new developments in Federation staffing; Leadership Development; relationships with United Funds; public relations and the new technology in communications; inter-city cooperation and collaboration among Jewish newspapers; and special needs of volunteer-directed Federations.

College youth, represented by a sizeable contingent at the Assembly, will hold a number of workshops in addition to participating as delegates in all Assembly activities.

Education task force studies schools

The remarkable growth of Jewish day schools in Toronto will be one of the areas surveyed by the newly formed Study Committee on Jewish Education. The committee, under the chairmanship of J. Sydney Midanik was set up by the United Jewish Welfare Fund to examine the entire Jewish educational scene.

Jacob Glickman has been appointed study director and Mrs. Shani Kurtz has been named research associate of the study committee.

Mr. Glickman, currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto, holds a bachelor's degree from the Hebrew University and an M.A. in sociology from the University of Toronto. He has taught in Israeli schools and served on the staffs of the Associated Hebrew Schools and Beth Tzedec in Toronto.

Mrs. Kurtz, who is on leave as a member of the Eitz Chaim Schools where she taught for 13 years, holds a B.A. degree from Brooklyn College and an M.A. from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. She is currently engaged in a research project at OISE. She has served as principal of the Beth Am Religious School.

Dr. Calvin Gottlieb, professor of computer sciences at the University of Toronto, has been appointed as consultant to the professional staff of the study committee.

There are six elementary day schools and three high schools in the community, serving a student population of approximately 3,500. This represents between 35 - 40% of all children in schools affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. The BJE gets an allocation of about $900,000 per year from the United Jewish Welfare Fund, most of which goes as subsidies to the schools.

The study committee will assign one task force to delve into the activities of the three high schools and another task force to look into the operation of all the other day schools.

The high schools serve 3 1/2% of the students receiving a Jewish education in Toronto and although the high school population is relatively small, it is felt that these schools represent a vital reservoir of committed young Jews whose retention is believed to be much higher than that of students from other educational institutions.

The task force will be asked to go a step further and also gather data about the alumni of the three high schools, their university and professional careers, their involvement in the Jewish community, the degree to which alumni continue some form of Jewish learning in their post-high school years, and their evaluation of the education to which they were exposed.

Because the per capita cost of educating a student in high school is estimated at almost double that of an elementary day school student, the task force will be asked to study the effects of a proliferation of small high school units and assess their educational viability.

The study committee wants the task force "to take note of the ideologies of the schools, their aims and objectives, facilities, staff policies, lay leadership and all other matters which will enable the committee to assess the special impact these schools are making on Jewish education in Toronto."

As the oldest of the high schools has been in existence less than 15 years, "it may well be that this will be the first time an independent group will have the opportunity to evaluate these institutions," says the study committee.

The task force on elementary day schools will be charged with the responsibility of studying enrolment patterns in the schools over the past five to 10 years and offer projections on developments in this area on a long term basis. The task force will be asked to consider means by which enrolment in the schools can be maintained, and offer recommendations on what can be done to foster the future growth of the schools.

Additionally the task forces will be asked to consider the total problem of financing day schools and to re-examine the guidelines which up to now have served as the basis for support to the schools.

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HEBREW CALENDAR

17 Chesvan Sidra: Vayera Candlelighting: Toronto 4:45; Montreal 4:18

Trudeau and demonstrations

Did Premier Kosygin hear?

The Canadian government is not fond of the politics of confrontation. Over and over again Prime Minister Trudeau has expressed his distaste for this particular form of communication. Repeatedly he has implied that he resents such efforts when addressed to him. As a result, representatives of the Canadian government sought to dissuade Jewish community leaders from mounting demonstrations aimed at impressing USSR Premier Kosygin with our concern for Soviet Jewry.

Nor was Mr. Trudeau happy with the burden placed on him to undertake discussion with the Soviet leader on that country's treatment of its Jewish citizens. He was additionally reluctant to raise the question of Soviet treatment of Czechs, Hungarians, Ukrainians and Balts, except on the humanitarian grounds of the reunion of families.

Canada's Prime Minister preferred to avoid themes that Kosygin might insist were "internal." The PM doesn't believe in meddling in private matters and he didn't want to risk questions by Kosygin on Canada's treatment of her French-speaking minority. Trudeau regards French Canada as an internal matter, not to be projected on the world scene as a moral issue of international concern.

There is however one obvious and essential difference between conditions in the Soviet Union and Canada which Trudeau could readily have pointed out to Premier Kosygin. Whatever sins may have been committed against French Canada - and let us confess they are many - Canada has never prevented people from emigrating if they prefer to. The prevalence of French accents in much of New England is ample proof that thousands of young Quebecois leave Canada each year to seek their fortune elsewhere.

The Prime Minister also had an obligation to correct Kosygin publicly when the Soviet leader referred to the rabbis, businessmen, organizational leaders and students demonstrating peacefully in Ottawa as "riff-raff." To fail to do so is a serious denigration of some very fine, very worthwhile Canadians. The PM's silence in the face of this slander was deafening.

The Prime Minister was also wrong in his assessment of the value of the demonstrations mounted by the Jewish community. The anxiety that the manifestations would degenerate into riots proved ill-founded. On the contrary, had the demonstrations not been organized, had they not given voice to the deepest feelings of the Jewish community, there undoubtedly would have been numerous, less responsible actions.

Looking out from his quarters in Toronto high in a tower, Kosygin must have seen the torches of the all-night vigil. As he looked out of his limousine when he emerged from the Sherrit-Gordon Factory in Alberta he saw the protestors standing in the wheat field. And in Vancouver he must have been troubled by the chant of the marchers surrounding his hotel.

Kosygin heard!

Accept the invitation !

During Premier Alexei Kosygin's visit to Canada a request was made that he meet with a delegation of Canada's Jews. As was expected, there was no reply.

This week the amazing information reached Jewish community leaders via the office of Mitchell Sharp, minister for external affairs that Premier Kosygin would have been willing to meet with a delegation of Canada's Jews had his schedule not been so crowded. It appears that the Soviet Premier feared that he might slight the Jewish community if he saw them for less than an hour, and therefore, no arrangements were made.

In view of this information, the Canadian Jewish News urgently suggests that the Canadian Jewish Congress immediately cable Kosygin to advise him that they are sorry to have missed him on his recent trip and offering to send a delegation to meet with him on the very first day in which he has a free hour on his admittedly heavy schedule. As Jewish citizens of Canada, Congress will be happy to share with him some of the information they have assembled regarding the circumstances facing Soviet Jews.

The CJN also calls on the Canadian government to support such a request by urging Premier Kosygin to welcome such a visit and by explaining to the Premier that the delegation is bound to include some of the sanest, most responsible and best informed people this country, or any other, could claim as citizens.

"No more second class balebosta"

magazines

by Arnold Ages

Roland Gittelsohn, a Boston Rabbi, has chosen the pages of the recent Midstream to examine charges that Judaism has discriminated against women.

Quoting a headline in the Village Voice ("No More Second Class Balebosta!") the rabbi explores many of these passages and verses in Jewish law and lore which suggest contempt or condescension towards women. The explanations he provides indicate that no such intent existed within the tradition.

He does not, however, deny that individual malcontents might have ventilated personal hostilities towards women within the tradition.

"Judaism never pretended to extend complete equality to its women," writes Gittelsohn, "but it consistently expressed far more understanding and acceptance of them as persons than did other civilizations of the time.

"And - properly, fairly understood - it contains an openess to the rights and needs of women which bodes well for tomorrow."

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Israel has gained substantially from the year of ceasefire, according to Misha Louvish, Israeli correspondent for the Jewish Frontier (September).

Cessation of hostilities has spared numerous lives and has permitted the army to integrate a half billion dollars worth of American military aid.

On the diplomatic front Israel has used the breathing space to consolidate its political situation. With the exception of France all the Common Market countries have sent delegations to Israel this past year.

At the same time the upheavals in the Arab world (Sudan, Egypt and Libya) have served to underline the basic stability of Israeli life. It has also made world public opinion conscious of the fragility of Arab promises and conversely the difficulties which Israel faces on the question of international guarantees.

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From San Diego State College comes a sobering thought from Professor Harry Ruja about the future of Jewish life on this continent.

Writing about the superficiality of religious observance among Jews (Jewish Spectator, October) Ruja suggests that if there is no basic difference in the beliefs of Jews and non-Jews then behavioural patterns will also coalesce.

He argues that any unique Jewish traits such as sobriety, intelligence and moral responsibility are but residues of a life regulated and guided by Torah.

"We are living off the capital accumulated by the good works (mitzvot) of our forefathers. Now the capital is running out. Alcoholism, infidelity, drug addiction, criminality, anti-intellectualism are rising among Jews.

"One can live on memories for a time," he continues, "but with each generation memories fade. Finally there is no memory of an experience but only a report of an experience."

The story of a chase

BY EPHRAIM KISHON

It is a well known fact that the life of the average citizen in our State is based on a system of laws whose ordinances outline in small print how they ought to be circumvented. If you intend to set up a family in Israel, and your beloved is either an untouchable or a shiksah, simply go to Cyrpus - as prescribed by the law - and to finance your trip, buy government dollars on Lillenblum Street.

When you come back, don't forget to pawn off the electric appliances you bought there as a new immigrant, and when you buy an apartment, pay the contractor underhand, because that way it is cheaper.

If your daughter doesn't feel like serving in the army, let her be religious for a quarter of an hour or so, and if you yourself would like to get out of reserve duty, and also to make a little money, leave the country, then come back and enjoy all the official privileges.

Conceal your earnings carefully, set up imaginary companies, make many ludicrous expenses, allocate yourself a permanent loan, don't give receipts to anybody, otherwise you won't be able to make a living.

When you grow old, hand over your property to your children while you are still alive, lest the Finance Minister become your sole heir.

All this is written in the law. Everything is clear. Everything is known. What matters is that formally everything should look above board, so they should not catch you and haul you into court.

These are the rules of the game in this country.

Except for Meir Lansky.

In Lansky's case, we ignore the rules of the game as well as the standards of due process, in his case we are all pillars of rectitude, all of us are as guileless as distilled water. Our features become solemn, our eyebrows shoot up and our nostrils quiver.

Just imagine: a former member of the Mafia is sitting among us! Among us! Sitting! The experts of the fast buck are rolling their eyes heavenwards. The champions of Mediterranean bribery are wagging a warning finger, hashish fiends are shocked, and the government is thundering from the top of its Olympus:

"We must interpret the Law of Returnees to the letter," Minister of Justice I.S. Shapira declares. "We don't want to gather here the dredges of the Jewish nation!"

If you don't mind, sir, we have already gathered it. Simply look around you. Yesterday the home-made Mafia liquidated a whole family in Ramat Hasharon. The day before yesterday, they set fire to the last discotheque in town, tomorrow they'll issue blackmail subscription tickets to all little retailers as a letter of self-protection. And what's the wonder? After all, we all knew all the time that whole communities in the Diaspora had got rid of their misfits, their beggars, sick and criminals, while there was still time, by sending them here with the assistance of the champions of the body count in the Jewish Agency. Or were the myriads of our pimps all born here? And what about the weekly diamond robberies carried out under the threat of those pleasant submachine guns? May I ask you, when did we ever have selective Aliyah?

Now, we have. In as far as Meir Lansky is concerned. He is a public menace.

Our conscience has woken, shouting hoarsely.

It is inconceivable that the owner of a gambling casino should settle down in our lily-white camp. Even if he hadn't been active for the last 30 or 40, or even 100 years, what does it matter in the perspective of pure Jewish morals, which are and always have been our leading light. And the cheek of the fellow!

How did he dare donate to the United Jewish Appeal and claim he is a Zionist? Did he think he could buy us with his filthy money? Us! With money? We toss and turn at night and sigh: Good Lord, he smuggled liquor at the beginning of the century, he knew Lucky Luciano personally, he evaded income tax, can you beat that, he actually evaded it - and such a man should go on walking his dog in the gardens of our hotels?

We love making other people's lives miserable, don't we? We are great hands with the rack and thumb-screw, aren't we?

The man is almost 70. A Jew like the rest of us, maybe a little more so. Once, while we were still little kids, it seems he did some naughty things and skipped between the clauses of criminal law in the United States with the skill of an accomplished acrobat. Nowadays he walks very slowly For the last 20 years, he hasn't done a thing, he is simply looking for a haven in this country. There are no charges against him, only newspaper reports. Formally, he is as honest as the rest of us. Shouldn't we, as an act of grace, permit him to be buried next to his Grandad on the Mount of Olives?

In spite of the gambling casino, in spite of the unofficial approaches from anonymous factors on behalf of certain institutions from across a certain ocean . . .

Shouldn't we stop torturing the old man?

Many years ago, I was personally involved in such a sadistic show, though there is a world of difference between the two. During the Second World War, my wife's uncle fled from Nazi Austria to Budapest. He was a Jew, a foreign citizen and fairly well off. In other words a triple criminal according to the local concepts. The Hungarian Ministry of the Interior had set up a special office for dealing with such defenceless foreigners.

The office was housed in a luxurious building and employed hundreds of clerks of pure Aryan race. My uncle was called in for an interrogation and notified that he would be expelled to Germany. He sent in a brace of famous lawyers, high standing intermediates: the decision was postponed for a fortnight. Money flew freely. Then they wouldn't extend. He took the best lawyer in the capital, a genuine aristocrat, they extended it for another fortnight.

My uncle packed and took leave of us. He begged them, "Hand me over or let me stay here for at least six months." They gave him another two weeks. My uncle brought some jewels along, they extended for six weeks. They said: "This is the last time, sir." The brothers-in-law of Director-General Joe Doe got into the act in exchange for a deposit in a bank abroad. Maybe he did something, maybe he didn't.

In any case, uncle paid. He also paid his anti-Semitic neighbors, just to be on the safe side. He paid everybody. He retained more lawyers. And plain black-mailers. He wrote applications, attached medical certificates, curricula vitae, his testament and checks, many checks. They extended for three weeks. Then another week. And no more. Uncle packed and cried uncle. They gave him another month. Three days. And a fortnight. It went on like that for a whole six years. In the end it was not necessary to hand over what was left of him, the Germans came to collect themselves.

On September 27 Lansky's temporary permit ran out. The chase goes on.

ask the rabbi

Jewish tradition observes varying moon phases

1. Why does Jewish tradition consider it so important to observe the phase of the New Moon so as to observe every New Moon as a semi-holiday?

RESPONSE:

The Hebrew calendar is basically a lunar calendar and the phase of the New Moon marks the beginning of the Hebrew month. Hebrew tradition regarded the beginnings of many things as items to be regarded with special importance and the beginning of the month was, of course, no exception. In some way, this deep reverence for beginnings indicated the loyalty of the Jew to the Creator who made the world from its beginning and who is the "master" of time. Some indicate that the New Moon is of special significance to the Jew because the various festivals are dated according to a special date in the respective month. Also interesting is the opinion of a number of Jewish authorities, that the moon plays a special role in reflecting the history of the Jewish people. The phase of the New Moon gives added hope to the suffering Jew because this New Moon appears after the moon seems to have almost phased out altogether during the last quarter The New Moon begins a new cycle when the moon begins to wax larger and larger. Such is the destiny of the Jewish people — they almost seem destined for oblivion after tragic events in their history, only to rise again like the Phoenix of history to develop a new civilization.

2. Why is the coming of the new month announced in the synagogue when holding the Sefer Torah?

RESPONSE:

Originally, it was the Rabbinical court that gave forth the official announcement that the New month had begun after having received the word of its officially appointed witnesses. The Rabbinical court acted as a representative body of the people. In current times, when we have no central Rabbinical court for all Jewry, such a public proclamation is made by announcing it while holding the Torah because the Torah is the symbol of the collective unity of the Jewish people. Holding the Torah when announcing the New month thus indicates that the entire people of Israel is involved in making the announcement.

Debate on tax aid continues as writer despairs of funds

letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I wish that they were on my side - the erudite authors of the letter opposing government aid to day schools, which appeared in the October 15th issue of The Canadian Jewish News.

In spite of my admiration for their courageous effort, or perhaps because of it, I cannot remain silent. I must take issue with their arguments in support of the position which they take.

The first point, which I find very arguable is that which suggests that the community is able to support day schools. In all the discussions recently in this area, it has been said that in a decade, or most certainly in two decades, separate schools will not be financially able to survive. It is increasingly difficult to fund the schools from private monies, for obvious reasons of higher costs of education, and increasing difficulty in raising charity dollars. The other financial support is tuition fees, which have been increased yearly and are at an alarming high now. Jewish separate schools are not, and must not be, only for the children of parents who can afford it - surely it is not difficult to see that the whole concept will self-destruct if there is no relief.

The second point in the letter expresses concern that implementation of the Mackay report recommendation will be undermined. Basically, the recommendation was that sectarian religious instruction be eliminated in the public school program. What possible effect can the government reponsibility to separate schools have on the fate of the Mackay report?

The Mackay Commission decided in its wisdom to make certain recommendations, and if these recommendations cannot stand and survive on their merits then perhaps they ought to be further studied and considered. I would not be willing to stand by silently, and watch Jewish day schools be sacrificed on the altar of the public schools' religious problem. The Mackay Commission's recommendations will be standard procedure eventually, and the Ontario government will admit its responsibility to Jewish day schools eventually.

The third point concerns itself with the "perpetuation of fractionalism resulting from separate schools." This statement follows one at the beginning of the letter which indicates writers and "most if not all of the opponents of government aid are as deeply committed to Jewish education and to the survival of the Jewish people as are its supporters."

Now - these two philosophies are just not congruent! You just cannot believe that separate schools perpetuate fractionalism and be committed to their survival!

I am committed to their survival and I don't believe that they are fractional, or divisive, or fragmental, or any other of those oblique words which have lately been hurled. I do believe that separate schools, because they are born of freedom of educational choice, have a right to be in freedom. What argument is there against a system with a broad concept of education, with emphasis on historic diversity, a form of education in which each child has a right depending on his needs, to pursue his educational goal.

It costs a certain number of dollars to educate a child in the prescribed curriculum and I don't really think it matters where he gets that education - in a public school, private school, a free school, or a park!

Recently, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons said, "Canada is a multi-cultural nation. There is no official culture, nor does any ethnic group take precedence over any other. A policy of multi-culturalism . . . should help to break down discriminatory attitudes and cultural jealousies. National unity," he continued, "if it is to mean anything in the deeply personal sense, must be founded in confidence in one's own individual identity." The Prime Minister concluded that "Canada would be poorer if we adopted assimilation programs forcing our citizens to forsake and forget the cultures they have brought us. Indeed, cultural pluralism is the very essence of Canadian identity."

Marion (Mrs. B.) Levinter

Opinion

By telephone to USSR

by Dr. W. Gunther Plaut

It is not generally known that during the last few weeks a number of direct telephone conversations took place between Toronto and Jews in various Russian cities. They were held in Russian, and English transcripts were later prepared. There was nothing clandestine about these talks, and for that reason the frankness and courage of the Russian Jews stands out in even bolder relief. Here are two samples, excerpts from lengthy exchanges.

Dr. Sylvan Schwartzman, a psychiatrist, who wants his case and his name known.

"Eight months ago we submitted papers requesting an exit visa to Israel. I was immediately discharged from my post. Four months later I received an absurd reply and in the meantime I have no livelihood. The reply which I received said that my relatives in Israel were too distant to consider. But how can I obtain any closer relatives. Don't they realize that my father, Professor Yaakov Schwartzman, was killed by the Nazis and my mother, Anna Schwartzman was annihilated by fascists and I myself survived only by living through inhuman conditions! Now the family Schwartzman finds itself in difficult material straits and my wife, who is also a doctor, is denied any opportunity to work in order to help the family to sustain itself - because she also wants to leave for Israel. I currently am in such a position that I cannot obtain any manner of work. I have relatives in Israel who have survived the holocaust and there can be no question of my rights to leave. I appeal to you to get in touch with the officials in the Soviet Union in order to obtain permission for the Family Schwartzman to leave the country and be re-united with their relatives."

An engineer in Soviet Russia, telling his Canadian callers what happened to him when he tried to get a character reference from his co-workers at the factory (no reference is required by Israel, but this is one of the conditions necessary to obtain an exit visa from Russia and, as the following shows, a convenient way to stall the proceedings). The Russian workers have learned their lesson well. Someone wanting to leave the Soviet paradise, for whatever reason, is to them ipso facto a criminal, a traitor. Here are the "character references," arrived at during a pep rally called by the plant manager:

"This crime cannot be otherwise defined but as treason to the Soviet Union."

"He should be put to the wall."

"He must be well punished, otherwise tomorrow another Jew will want to leave."

"Too few of you were killed in the war."

"Remove him from the engineering work, give him dirty work."

The caller added: "no one in the hall attempted to stop the bellowing crowd. No one tried to stop the anti-Semitic outbursts; on the contrary, all statements were accompanied by applause and laughter on my account."

But of course, Mr. Kosygin says there is no anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union . . .

On arriving in the Promised Land, these emigrants from the Soviet Union kneel and kiss the ground beneath them.

Canadian military expert suggests cooling Middle East conflict

John Gellner is a retired RCAF officer, one of Canada's foremost military writers and editor of a military journal.

by John Gellner

In politics, fighting talk is dangerous because one can talk oneself into fighting. Cockiness is equally dangerous. It breeds over-confidence and leads to misjudgement of the realities of the situation.

The Middle East crisis, which has now lasted close to a quarter of a century, provides ample proof of the validity of these rules. To give but one instance from among all too many, Field Marshal Abdul Hakim Amer (who was then commander in chief of the Egyptian armed forces and supreme commander of three Arab armies) said in June 1956, less than four months before his troops got a terrible pasting in the Sinai campaign: "The danger of Israel no longer exists. The Egyptian army has enough strength to wipe Israel off the map." A statement like this does not merely fall into the category of "famous last words." It is indicative of an attitude of indifference to what may come. No need to tread carefully. After all, we can lick them, can't we?

One runs into such examples of thoughtless cockiness in Israel, too - quite often, as a matter of fact - though, of course, not among responsible political leaders. If anything does inject a sour note into the sheer joy of being among those dynamic peopl. in their beautiful land, it is the brashness of many young Israelis, a brashness which a less charitable observer would take as being outright arrogance.

Self-confidence is a good quality in a soldier - and every young (and not so young) Israeli is a soldier, whether in or out of uniform. But the public display of exaggerated self-confidence is dangerous because it increases frustration and deepens hatred in Israel's Arab neighbors. It is also unjustified, objectively.

The plain fact is that, militarily, Israel would be in a worse position than it has been at any time since the war of 1948 if it did not hold the defensible borders attained in the 1967 campaign. Everybody who can read a map and is informed about relative strengths in men and material knows that, in Jerusalem as in Cairo, in Washington as in Moscow. Soviet-Egyptian political strategy is to manoeuver the Israelis out of their reasonably secure positions on the ceasefire lines, thus depriving them of the one asset which at present balances the military odds. Give up the lines of the Suez Canal, the Jordan river and the Golan Heights, and the cards would be heavily stacked against Israel, whatever the valor of the Israeli soldier and the competence of Israeli military leadership. There is really no ground for over-confidence.

The precariousness of Israel's military situation, the frustration of the Arabs who see that Israel has not given an inch in the four and one-half years after the 1967 war, the over-involvement in the conflict of the Soviet Union, all combine to make the position of the United States as the would-be peacemaker so extraordinarily difficult. Washington's dilemma over whether to deliver or not to deliver further Phantom jet fighters to Israel must be seen from the aspect of this interplay of conflicting - and seemingly irreconcilable - forces. The Israelis dare not retreat the proposed (under an interim Suez agreement) 16 miles from the Canal unless they have at least a fair chance of gaining air superiority over the evacuated strip if it came to a renewal of fighting. This means that they have to have more fighter aircraft - and the assurance that the Egyptians will not be permitted to move their anti-aircraft missiles forward from their present positions. The Egyptians know that, of course, and will not agree to an interim arrangement if the United States gives Israel the Phantoms.

And so it goes. Every attempt at a settlement is heavily mortgaged in advance by the inherent military weaknesses of both sides, not only of the Arabs.

Matters could be improved (perhaps not much but even a little would help) if some of that insecurity springing from weakness could be removed. It would be if Israel were given the U.S. armaments it needs without trumpeting the fact to the world. Deliveries could be kept secret - or at least so much clouded in secrecy that they could be publicly denied. This same restraint might be shown in other areas. Israeli military parades are a bad thing. News like the recent report that Israel is putting into service a surface-to-surface missile with a nuclear warhead (a report which furthermore had the earmarks of being a canard) are a disaster.

The need in the Middle East is not to flaunt strength but to cool it. Chest-thumping - on both sides - is silly when the most urgent requirement is to take an over-committed Soviet Union off the hook, and find some face-saving exit for the sufficiently humiliated Arab governments, without putting Israel again into mortal peril.

Yid, Yiddish and Yiddishkeit- A festival preview

by J.B. Salsberg

It is true that "Yiddish" is not quite the same as "Jewish," linguistically speaking. But, and this is very apropos, only Jews speak Yiddish.

In fact; next to Hebrew, Yiddish is still the most widely used language among the Jews of the world.

Yiddish was not borrowed; it was created by Jews and it developed in an evolutionary fashion (as all languages did) from as far back as the 11th century. By the year 1507 this unique language had already achieved sufficient excellence to enable the greatest authority of the Hebrew language of his day, Eliyah Bachur of Padua, to write in Yiddish his poetic masterpiece, Bovo Buch, of 650 stanzas and to have it published by the year 1541.

In time Yiddish became a major medium for the distinctive national and cultural existence of the majority of Jews. Yiddish was the language of the great Chassidic movement. Its founder, the Baal Shem, aimed it at the heavens and the immortal Leivi Itzchak of Berditshev carried on his "confrontations" with God in this language of his people. Millions of our grandmothers and, yes, our grandfathers too, uttered their most intimate appeals to heaven in Yiddish, which became known as Mame Loshen (mother tongue).

In time Yidden, Yiddish and Yiddishkeit (Jewishness) became inseparable. "Yiddish Folk" and "a Yiddish Land" became universal Jewish terms. Theodor Herzl's political foundation for modern Zionism bore the title "Der Judenstaat" (in German). Indeed for centuries the act of circumcision was referred to as "Yiddishen" a child . . .

In modern times the Yiddish language achieved such levels of flexibility and refinement that a glorious, colorful and truly inspiring Yiddish literature was created. Much of this rich literary harvest has already achieved a permanent place of honor in world literature. The late Sholem Asch, whose many works were translated into most European languages, wrote every line of his masterpieces in Yiddish. That is also true of the currently popular Isaac Bashevis Singer. And next to the Bible itself, it is the Yiddish works of the immortal Sholem Aleichem that are translated into every important language of our time and are read by countless millions throughout the world.

This painting in the Montreal Jewish Public Library depicts Yiddish stories being read to children by Ida Maze, "the mother of Yiddish literature in Canada."

Why this sudden pacan to our Mame Loshen, to Yiddish? Well, it is really not an impulsive act on my part and it is not without purpose. It is the Yiddish Festival that is planned for Toronto by the Jewish Congress Committee for Yiddish for the weekend of Nov. 5, 6 and 7 that prompted me to devote this column to this bitter-sweet subject.

I'm no clairvoyant and cannot divine what destiny held or still holds for the Yiddish language. I am painfully aware of the cruel blows delivered to Yiddish in our generation. Hitlerism annihilated six million European Jews, most of whom were Yiddish speaking. The policy of cultural genocide pursued by the Kremlin was another severe blow at Yiddish. The effects of the so-called "open society" in North America are apparent, among other things, in strong tendencies of language assimilation.

But - and a very important but it is - millions of Jews throughout the world today still speak and read Yiddish. Some of the finest literature is being created now in Toronto and New York, Paris and Sydney (Australia), Tel Aviv and Moscow, Montreal and Johannesburg. Yiddish is still an international language, as any tourist will tell you. And it is not in competition with Hebrew.

The point is that Yiddish is part of our rich cultural heritage, part of the totality of our history and of our manisided Yiddishkeit. Only the ignorant or the pathetically insecure can willfully degrade or demean this language and its treasures. The new generation of Jewish intellectuals, I'm happy to report, is turning in increasing numbers to this rich source of Jewish existence for more than half a millennium.

In the Universities of Manitoba, McGill and Sir George Williams of Montreal departments of Yiddish are functioning successfully. (Toronto will be next.) The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, in partnership with the Farband Labor Zionist Order, now reports that "Yiddish Is 'in' on 19 college campuses in the USA." Among the reasons given for this upsurge are, according to the BB Monthly, "research, nostalgia, a personal quest for roots."

So, congratulations to Toronto's "Yiddish Festival '71"! Warmest sentiments to Yiddish.

Every Jew a .22

The politics of despair

Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defense League, is interviewed upon his arrival in Israel. Rabbi Kahane has decided to settle permanently in the Promised Land.

by Sol I. Littman

"Will Jewish political power in America grow out of the barrel of a gun?"

"This is the absurd question the Jewish Defence League poses," observes Steve Cohen in a recent edition of ACIID, one of the new, intensely Jewish student magazines published at Washington University, St. Louis.

Cohen, a Harvard Ph.D. candidate in an article analyzing the JDL says, "While we can argue as to whether Jewish power in Palestine grew out of the barrel of a gun, we must recognize that the analogy of the United States (and Canada) in 1971 to mandate Palestine is simply too far-fetched . . ."

The recent command of Rabbi Kahane to his followers that they purchase .22 calibre weapons ("Every Jew a .22"), the threat that two Russian lives would be exacted for every Jewish life lost, the boasted bombing of Russian diplomatic facilities and the strong arm tactics displayed by a JDL task force at the offices of the New York Board of Rabbis marks the JDL as an organization committed to violence. In an organization proclaiming "iron discipline" such events cannot be regarded as accidents resulting from overzealousness. They must be seen as the result of intent and planning.

Cohen's article points out that JDL tactics are suggested by two models of political power. On the one hand JDL indentifies itself with the Irgun and on the other with the caricature of guerilla warfare supplied by groups such as the Black Panthers.

Will the American or Canadian government be impressed by this show of power? Will the Russians quail in the face of such a threat? In Cohen's opinion this is the politics of despair.

"It only suggests that the Jews have no hope of influencing public opinion through persuasion or by bringing to bear whatever limited financial and political power they have."

Jewish efforts in relation to Soviet Jews require mounting pressure of the amount and kind that would influence the Soviet Union to abolish its discrimination against Jews and end its refusal to permit them to emigrate. Is the threat of force as proposed by the JDL likely to achieve this?

The ACIID article suggests that the Jews of America simply cannot be taken seriously as a people threatening massive, violent destruction. Jews are both too few in number and too vulnerable. To engage in violence would be to lose rather than gain influence.

"The JDL is guilty for positing a model of Jewish power which is romantically naive and leads us down a dangerous path of self-delusion," Cohen continued.

"It is imperative hat we do not fool ourselves into equating romantic self-deluding politics with the hard work of creating an American Jewry willing to wage the battle for Jewish rights in the USSR with all its power and prestige - and without excusing itself for fear of the loss of this power and prestige."

The ACIID article does not relieve the establishment of its responsibilities on behalf of Soviet Jewry and other Jewish causes.

"The Jewish leadership of today is guilty of refusing to enlist and wield its power because its use for Jewish purposes might threaten its privileged position," Cohen insists. "This is not to say that this power is enough to change the state of Jewish oppression: but it must be exerted."

If we then fail, we may have to re-evaluate our strategies of influence. But we haven't yet fully mobilized our resources.

International news

Embarrassment in Hebron becomes asset

What started three and a half years ago as a political embarrassment to the Israeli Government has now become a strategic asset fully supported by public money.

Several dozen Jewish families who had been living in temporary quarters in the Teggart Fortress of the Israeli garrison in Hebron, have now moved into the first 12 blocks of flats built for them by the Ministry of Housing on a hill overlooking the town and within walking distance of the Cave of Machpelah, reputed burial place of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

But when the first seven families settled in Hebron at Passover in 1968, they were not thinking of strategy. Led by Rabbi Moshe Levinger (who hails from the U.S.) they were determined to live in Hebron because it contains the holy Cave of Machpelah — with the reputed but historically unproven graves of the Patriarchs and three of their wives. Hebron is also the town where David was anointed and reigned as King for seven years before he moved to Jerusalem. (Genesis XXIII, 19; II Samuel II, 1-4; ibid. V,5 and I Chronicles III,4).

Exerting pressure: For external political reasons the Government had forbidden the group to go to Hebron. The only Jewish settlement in the West Bank other than at Nahal outposts along the Jordan River was the Etzion Bloc, about 12 miles from Hebron. Levinger's group pretended they wanted only to celebrate Passover in Hebron; thus the Military Police let them through. Once arrived, they rented rooms at a local hotel and announced they would stay there for good.

Rumour had it at the time that Rabbi Levinger had secured in advance the secret blessing of part of the Cabinet which then still included four Gahal members. But that was beside the point: Once established in Hebron, the settlers refused to leave except if they were evicted by force, which would have provoked a political crisis at home worse than any diplomatic trouble abroad.

But local Arabs had their own view of the matter. Submitting to Arab pressure, the hotel's proprietor terminated the lease of the rooms to the Levinger group whereupon the Government, in order not to abandon them to the mercy of Hebron Arabs, accommodated them in the compound of the Hebron Military Government.

Relaxation: Officially, the settlers were still only being tolerated. But sometime between then and last year, the Government seems to have made an unannounced change of its position. There were several indications: At first, the seven "pioneer" families had to live in very cramped conditions, squeezing into small service flats with one room per family.

Since each family had several children, they suffered considerable discomfort. The Military Governor kept them as virtual prisoners, and allowed them only very few visitors. No new settlers were allowed to join them.

But after a few months these restrictions were relaxed and soon two blocks of flats were built for the settlers within the compound. New families — who had initially been turned away by Military Police — were slowly permitted to join, so that by the beginning of this year they totalled several hundred souls.

National enclave: It is more than likely that the Government came to the conclusion that it had here a Heaven-sent opportunity to implement one of the aspects of the "Allon Plan" modified by some of Moshe Dayan's territorial ideas. Under Allon's plan, for a new "peace" map, Israel would hold a narrow strip of land along the western bank of the Jordan River. This strip is already being settled by groups of "Nahal" (para-military youth formations which combine agriculture with military training).

The rest of the "West Bank" could eventually be returned to Jordanian sovereignty but, at strategic points and near major towns, Israeli enclaves would be set up as a guarantee against a military attack from across the Jordan. The new Israeli settlement in Hebron seems to be earmarked as such an enclave, although it has never been officially defined as such.

The train of events that leads to this conclusion is the following: At the end of March 1970, Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon announced that the Government had decided to build a Jewish housing estate near Hebron for 250 families, and 25 million pounds were set aside for the purpose. Construction work was swiftly begun, not, as was originally expected, within the city of Hebron but on an adjoining hill.

Biblical synonym: The settlement was removed from the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Hebron where the handful of Jews would be hopelessly outnumbered by the Arabs. It was even given a different name—"Kiriat Arba", a Biblical synonym for Hebron according to Genesis XXIII, 2.

Kiriat Arba lies east of the main highway leading from Jerusalem through Hebron to Beersheba; the Military Government compound lies west of it. Together they dominate the town and it seems evident—even to a non-military layman—that they are meant to protect the highway and to keep the town in check.

Last month, a few days before the New Year, the move of the settlers from the Military Government compound to Kiriat Arba began and, by New Year's Eve, 30 families had entered their new homes. They had to pay the Ministry of Housing a deposit of I£3,000 (£300 sterling) and undertake to pay a monthly rent of IL.150 - IL.250. Should they eventually buy their flats, part of the rent would be reckoned towards the purchase price. These terms are extremely favourable, better even than those granted to new immigrants.

Kosher café: The Ministry of Housing aims at 250 families and has invited young couples in Jerusalem who have no homes to apply for an apartment in Kiriat Arba. The terms are so attractive that there will be many takers in spite of the inconvenience involved in having to travel to Jerusalem an hour by bus.

But eventually, Kiriat Arba may develop into a self-contained township, economically independent of Jerusalem. The newcomers have already begun to develop various enterprises: One settler runs a carpentry shop (with Arab labour from Hebron); two have opened a kosher restaurant in the town next to the Cave of Machpelah; one runs a souvenir shop and another, an artist, has opened an art gallery.

Itzhak Ben-Chevron was actually born in Hebron 48 years ago. His family was part of the old Jewish community that had been living there for many generations and was wiped out in the pogrom of 1928. Ben-Chevron, then a child of five, was one of the few survivors. He grew up in Hadera and joined the Levinger group in 1968. Today, he proudly says "I am the first Jewish taxi driver in Hebron in 2,000 years!"

Healing the wounds: There would seem to be definite scope in Kiriat Arba for economic expansion. The tourist trade alone (in the form of a decent hotel) would offer good possibilities.

Meanwhile, the foreign political complications, which had been so feared, have not arisen. As to coexistence with the local Arabs, the settlers have no illusions: "We know that the Arabs do not like to have us here. The fact that relations are good on the surface does not deceive us."

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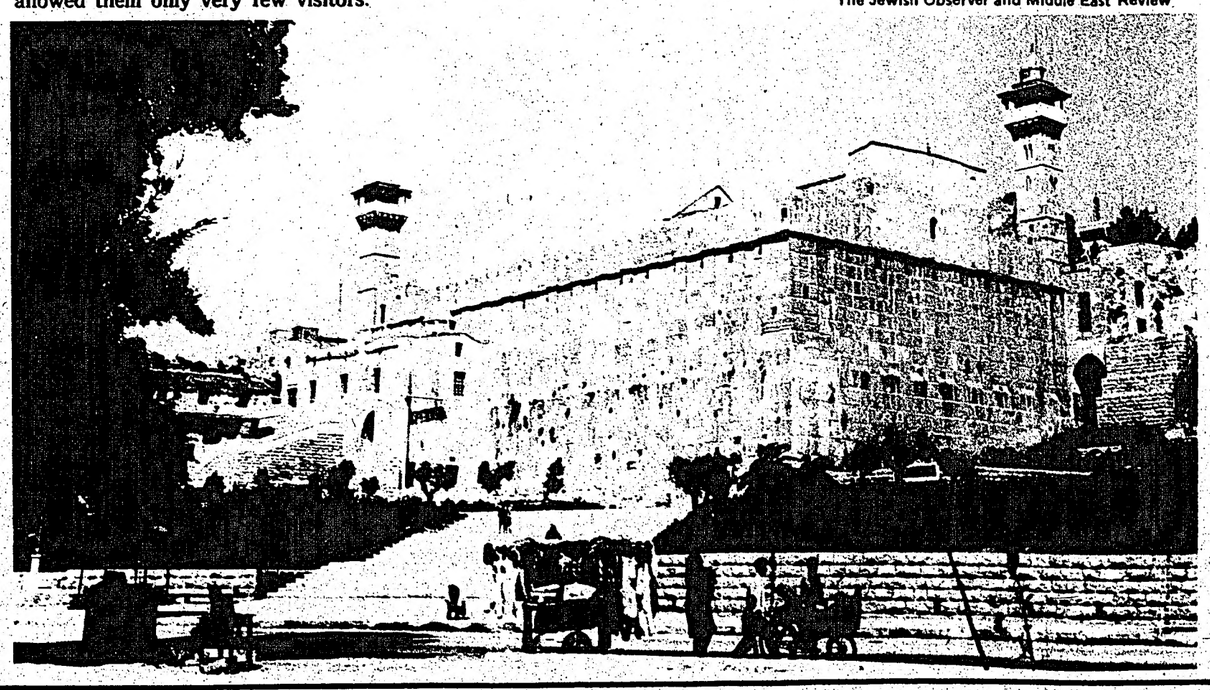

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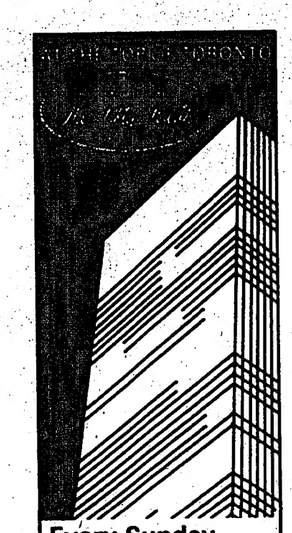
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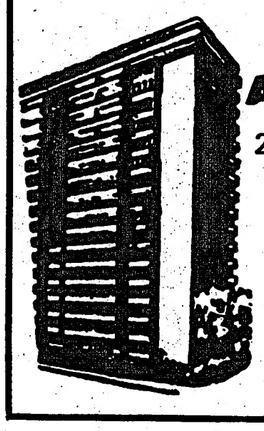

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RELATIVES SOUGHT - MAY 1971

2. ZYLBERSZTEJN, Mendel, from Szczecin, Poland, presumably residing in Toronto, sought by cousin, Joseph Israelski, Wethersfield, Conn.

5. LIVIANU, Dorel, Mella and Boydan, who originally immigrated to the United States from Rome, Italy and then after residing there since 1967, left for Canada. They are being sought by Felicia Wexler.

7. GOLDFARB, Machel (Mietek), 71, born in Kelce, Poland, presumably residing in Toronto or Montreal, sought by relative, Wilhelm Goldfarb, Germany.

RELATIVES SOUGHT - JUNE 1971

1. GUMM, Larry Michael, 24, 6' 1", blonde, son of Parker Gumm, Waco, Texas.

3. WEISSMAN, Pinchas, in Canada since 1929, born in Kishiniov, Bessarabia, Roumania, son of Moshe-Aron has a daughter Eva, sought by Nathan Tchernow, Toronto.

4. RISHIN, Israel-Myer, born in 1907, son of Simcha-Mendel and Hana-nee Berkow, sought by brother, Rubin (Roman) Simhovitch, Tchernovitz.

5. MEER, Moti, in Canada since 1957, son of Chil, wife Golda nee Barski, son Musia, sought by friend, Chaia-Clara Brucker, Israel, now in Canada.

8. SILBERBERG, Iankiel, in Canada since 1930, 61, born in Poland, son of Zeilik, sought by friend, Berys Binsztok, Brazil.

10. MILSZTAJN, Doroba, born in Czenstochow, Poland, October 25, 1916, sought by Pola Rzepkowicz now known as Pola Wartzka, Israel. Doroba (or Deborah) Milsztajn presumably resides somewhere in Canada.

11. LIPPMAN, Abram, was in a camp in Silesia called Gleiwitz IV, sought by World Jewish Congress. Lived in Munich, Germany in 1946 and then emigrated to Canada.

14. SHTEKEL, Bluma and SHTEKEL, Abram, the children of Moishe, left Odessa, Russia in 1927 for Canada, sought by relative Naum, the son of Abram, Gerenshtein (Gershtein).

16. SHNEI, Herman (Miller) left Chodrov, Poland, in 1923 for the States, presumably New York City. SHNAIDER (Schneider) Mali, aunt, born in Horoshinutz, near Tchernovitz, daughter of Jacob, has a son Sam, six persons in the family. MELTZER, Herman, uncle, born in 1908, Tchernovitz, sought by Moriz Osiasovitch Schnei Miller, son of Ozias Miller and Sheindel Shnei, Tchernovitz and Regina Schwartz, nee Shnei - Sheltzer. Presumably somewhere in Canada.

RELATIVES SOUGHT - JULY 1971

1. GALPERIN, Moshe Moike, born in 1900, son of Arke Aharon and Chana, brother of Chaim and David, sought by cousin, Brucha Babczik, nee Dzigivker, born in Soroca, Bessarabia, daughter of Heinech and Miriam, now in Israel.

3. GOLDWASSER, Hersz-Yosel, one of three brothers - Mordche, Itzhak and Iakov, all from Opatow, Poland, sought by Jankiel Herszkowicz, Poland.

4. HANDLER, Chaim or Hymie, born in Lublin, Poland, 50, sportswear operator, sought by cousin, Harry Handler, son of David and Zipora, Toronto.

7. SZULZYCER, Jankiel or Jakub may now be known as Jack Schultz, handbag manufacturer, presumably in Toronto, sought by his cousin, Szlama Szulzycer, son of Mordechaj, now known as Stanislaw Szulczynski, 55, of Sweden.

RELATIVES SOUGHT - AUGUST 1971

1. FISHER, Genya, nee Lentzner, presumably in Toronto, daughter of Aron, born in Sosnowiec, Poland, about 60, daughter of Aron, sought by cousin, Rose Perlmutter, nee Lentzner, previously known as Rose Miller, daughter of Jacob Hirsh, Pittsburgh.

4. SCHWARTZ, Avram, son of Mates and Fany, born in Botoshan, Roumania, 29, in Canada since 1968, sought by friend, Solomon (Sandu) Schwartz, Toronto, son of Chaim and Anna, 57.

5. KATZMAN, Aaron, who lived presumably at 295 Maria Street, Toronto, sought by relative in Kiev, Russia.

RELATIVES SOUGHT - SEPTEMBER 1971

1. MASRI, Eli, Rehovot, Israel, sought by his father, presumably residing in Toronto, born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1929, photographer.

2. GOLDMAN, Joseph, Chaim-Jankiel, Israel and Edel, the first three presumably residents of Toronto and the fourth in New York City, brothers of Sosia Borman and sister, Mrs. Abe Neselovitz. Abe Neselovitz was a resident of Johannesburg, South Africa, and the persons named are being sought in connection with a will.

3. GROSSMAN, Harry and his son, Samuel, last known address 110 Sheridan Avenue, Toronto, sought by aunt, Jennie Grossman now known as Jennie Lubinger, residing in California, formerly of Toronto.

4. LANDA, first name unknown, son of Michael Landa, of Odessa, Russia, who resided in Switzerland and may have emigrated to Israel or Canada, brother of Edward Landa, sought by niece, B.R. Stocks, nee Landa.

5. SHAPIRO, Ben (Benjamin), 45, born in Metagorsk, Russia, brother of Efraim Shapiro and Hasia Podolsk, presumably residing in Toronto, sought by niece, Riva Podolsk, Krementchuk, Russia.

7. LAUFER, Michal, born in Stanislawow, married, wife, Helena nee Burchacka, and son, Jan, cousin of Johb and Nora Burchatsky, Kitchener, Ontario, resided in Kroneuburg, Lower Austria, 7 Pionierstrasse, immigrated to Canada in 1964, teacher, speaks French and English.

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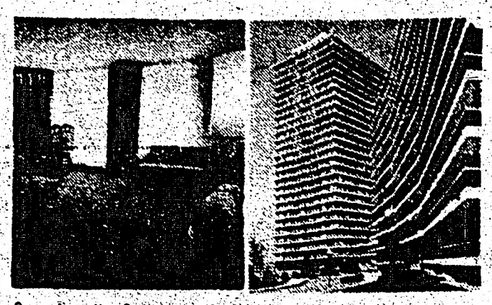

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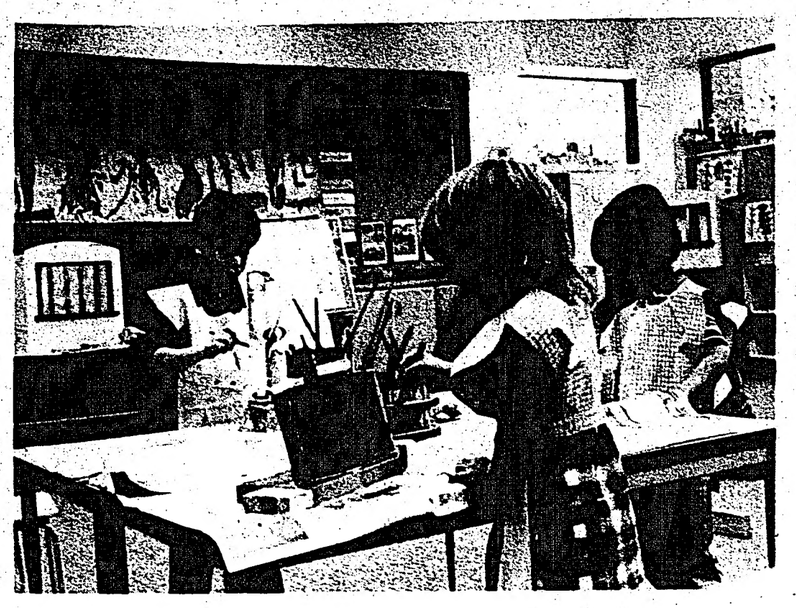

by Judy Platt

The handsome new building still sports temporary cardboard signs and makeshift paper window-shades; the smell of freshly-applied paint lingers in the well-appointed carpeted halls and classrooms; the sounds of aleph-bet and ABC's are punctuated by the bang and buzz of construction noises - as the Finch Avenue Education Centre receives its finishing touches.

This northern-most branch of the Associated Hebrew Schools network has this fall opened to a full capacity of 25 day elementary-grade classes, and a dozen half-day nursery and kindergarten groups. The latest move of the Associated school system, which has provided the Jewish education for three generations in some families, marks another step in its northward journey to keep pace with the shifting Jewish population of Toronto.

The great-granddaddy of the largest private day school system in Ontario (and second in Canada only to the United Hebrew Schools of Montreal) was established in 1907 in two semi-detached houses on Simcoe Street in downtown Toronto. The Simcoe Street Talmud Torah moved in 1925 to a "magnificent-for-its-day" building on Brunswick Avenue. Several branches were subsequently opened, as the school moved with its population, and the "Associated" network was born.

In 1956 the main school was erected on Bathurst and Neptune, and although that twice-enlarged 62 classroom building is still going strong, increased enrollment and the new Jewish population center in the north has created the need for the Finch Avenue (just east of Bathurst) center.

"Simcoe Street was never like this!" exclaimed a veteran Jewish educator, a bit wistfully, while examining the swimming pool and gymnasium of the newest building of his alma mater. "The first thing my mother did when we came to Toronto was to bring me to heder. We could have used the swimming pool - it was July. We didn't get any summer vacation in those days."

If physical conditions have changed, curricular emphases of the Associated schools have remained relatively constant. The Hebrew-speaking method that the Simcoe Street school pioneered - Ivrit b'Ivrit - is still a keystone of the program. "Our school strongly emphasizes spoken Hebrew," explained Mr. E. Deutsch, Principal of Hebrew Studies at Finch Avenue, as we passed a kindergarten where simple Hebrew was being spoken. "We use the Ivrit b'Ivrit method rather than the translation method. This enables the student to live in a Hebraic atmosphere as much as possible." The centrality of Israel - somewhat more daring an ideology in 1907 - also remains an important part of the Associated philosophy.

Associated brought innovative methods to its program from the beginning. What about now? "Without throwing away the old we are incorporating many of the new ideas in teaching," explains Mrs. Helen Cait, Principal of General Studies at the Finch Avenue school. "For example, we are doing a lot of individual and small-group work," she notes, as she shows me rooms with folding walls and special tutorial rooms. "But we still insist on certain academic requirements at all levels and will not sacrifice the basic skills and work habits. Dessert in education is not enough; you need meat and potatoes too!"

Mrs. Cait bubbles over with enthusiasm for the new school ("the building was designed for children and they really enjoy being here!") and the people that make it up. "We operate like a family, not an impersonal system of education. Parents are more motivated and thus more interested when they send their children to a school like ours. Their support is fantastic."

As though to show the spirit that pervades, a young boy came in to report on an incident in the yard ("which should be finished soon - now that the bulldozer operators have ended their strike!"). The boy spoke to the principal like any other student, but to my surprise just before he left he sprung to the other side of the desk and planted a kiss on Mrs. Cait's cheek. "My son, Robert," she identified him later. "See what I mean about the big family here?"

Leopold Trepper

World War II master spy

by Edwin Eytan

Editor's Note: Leopold Trepper, the man who led "The Red Orchestra" behind the Nazi lines, is one of the greatest and least known heroes of the underground resistance movement. Trepper is currently trying to obtain permission from the Polish government to join his sons in Israel.

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In the jargon of the German secret services, a spy ring was "an orchestra," a remarkable agent, "a soloist," a radio operator, "the pianist" and the head of the network, the man who directed and coordinated all the "players", "Der Kapellmeister."

Throughout World War II, countless spy rings had operated behind the German lines: agents for the OSS, members of British intelligence, and resistance workers from a dozen nationalities. Only one of these networks went down in history as "die Kapelle" or, as it is known today, The Red Orchestra.

Led by a 40 year old Polish Jew, Leopold Trepper, or "The Big Chief," as his agents and the gestapo used to call him, the Red Orchestra had foretold the exact date of the invasion of Russia, warned about the V1 missiles almost a year before they went into service and, according to Admiral Canaris, head of the German Abwehr, inflicted losses on Hitler's eastern armies amounting to 200,000 men.

Today, Trepper is an old and sick man who wants to join his two sons in Israel. It is his fight to obtain a Polish exit visa which has taken him out of the oblivion into which 25 years of post-war history have thrown him. Suddenly, thousands of men, former resistance fighters throughout Europe, professional secret agents, writers and journalists and just people with a memory, have started remembering Trepper, the man many claim to have been the biggest spy in history.

The U.S. delegate to the United Nations, Ambassador George Bush, has taken up the matter of Trepper's exit visa from Poland with UN Secretary General U Thant while resistance workers in Western Europe plan mass rallies on behalf of the former leader.

Countless books have been written about Leopold Trepper. The documentation for this article has been based on what is probably the best of them, **The Red Orchestra**, written by French journalist Gilles Perrault.

Leopold Trepper was born in 1904 near Zakopane, Poland, one of the 10 children of a poor traveling salesman. After a year's study at the University of Krakow, the new economic crisis which prevailed in Poland forced him to give up his education. First he found work as a mason, then as a locksmith and finally was reduced to digging coal in the mines of Katowice. It was there that he first became active in Communist Party work and led the miners' revolt.

Gilles Perrault has managed to find a photograph of the local Communist cell at the time of the Katowice-Dombrova rebellion. It is a faded, yellow picture which shows 10 very young men with shaven heads and set expressions.

Trepper was arrested at the time by the Polish police, who accused him of being one of the ringleaders and kept him for eight months in jail. When finally released because of lack of proof, he kept the first four letters of the city in which he had been held, Dombrova, as the war name Domb, by which he was to become known both to his agents and to the German police.

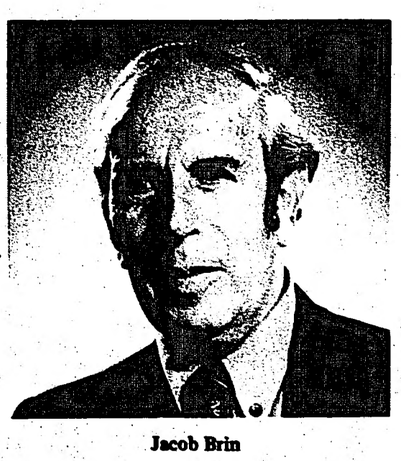
Returning to Warsaw only to find himself alone and completely at a loss, Trepper suddenly seemed to decide that the solution to his ills did not lie in Communism but in the Zionist ideal. He joined the Hechalutz organization and moved to Palestine. First, he found work as an agricultural laborer, then on building roads. Certain reports indicate that by 1929 he seems to have changed his mind again and joined the Palestine Communist Party. A few months later, he was elected a member of the Central Committee and arrested by the British police.

After his release from prison - release won through a 20 day hunger strike - he illegally entered France. By then he was ready for his real trade: that of a secret agent.

All documents show that soon after his arrival in France, Trepper contacted the Soviet Embassy in Paris and was at once sent to the Soviet Union where for six years, 1932-38, he attended a variety of spy schools throughout the Soviet Union.

To be continued next week.

Canada-Israel Development more active



Jacob Brin

TEL AVIV -

Jack Brin, President of Super-Sol, who has just returned from a series of meetings in Canada, was elected President of Canada-Israel Development Ltd., replacing Mr. Samuel Bronfman, who died three months ago. Mr. Ray Wolfe of Toronto is chairman of the board of the company.

Canada-Israel Development was founded 10 years ago by Samuel Bronfman after he headed a group of Canadian businessmen on a study mission to the country. The basic idea was to channel Canadian investments in Israel via the company.

The devaluations of 1962 and 1968, as well as the weakness of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, slowed down its activities in the second half of the decade. At present the company has taken up a strong position in the Israel Corporation (founded by the Israel Government) and is centralizing further participation of Canadian interests in the corporation. In general, the new president and chairman of the board intend to pursue a policy of more active involvement in the economic activities and management of its investments. Several proposals for investments in existing enterprises are presently under study in which amounts of up to 1,000,000 Israeli pounds are required for purposes of expansion.

Canada-Israel Development declared a $50 dividend in respect of 1970/71 on each unit of shares of $1,100.

Black college presidents examine new education methods in Israel

NEW YORK

Presidents of five Black colleges left Nov. 1 for a unique 16-day study-tour of Israel arranged by the urban affairs department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. They are meeting with Israeli educators at the Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute and Israel's Afro-Asian Institute.

According to Kenyon C. Burke, director of the ADL department which coordinates the agency's race relations program, the Black educators will examine Israeli methods of education for the disadvantaged, that country's youth, health and immigration projects, and its handling of ethnic problems. A prime purpose of the trip will be to set up a student exchange program.

Abraham Harman, president of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is acting as host to the visiting college heads during their stay.

"It is hoped," Mr. Burke said, "that the tour will help provide greater insight into the sensitivities and aspirations of both Blacks and Jews."

He said a similar tour arranged by ADL for Black publishers and journalists more than a year ago had inspired the present one.

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Entertainment

film review

Labor-camp film lacks drama

by Larry Anklewicz

One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich leaves the movie viewer with an unsatisfied and incomplete feeling. Although a well-produced motion picture and a film which follows the original novel by Nobel prize-winner Allexandre Solzhenizen very closely, there is something missing.

Perhaps this is due to the fact that nothing of any import occurs throughout the film. The plot is simple and straightforward. It details one day in the 10 year period Ivan Denisovich spent in a Soviet labor camp in Siberia, from the moment he woke up to the time he goes to sleep that evening.

As it is, this particular day was a good one for our hero. He managed to obtain an extra bowl of food at lunch, he found a hacksaw blade and he even enjoyed his work day.

This may be one of the flaws of the film. Ivan Denisovich's day went too well. There is no real drama in the film. We see no torture or any great cruelty. There is no conflict or tension. There really is no build-up nor a climax. The film seems to move at one constant level with no real attempt to involve our emotions. Denisovich merely walks through the day and is satisfied to have merely survived.

Signs of prison life are everywhere, yet it is difficult to believe the prisoners are really suffering. The best scenes are those showing the meals - the thin soup, the fish bones, the boiled grass, and even the fish-eye floating in the soup. The prisoners scrape every morsel from their bowls and lick their spoons clean.

The prisoners are forced to undergo constant searches and counts to insure that no one is missing. One of the film's strong points is the way it points out the twisted logic and cruelty of the Soviet regime, especially as it existed under Stalin.

Some of the prisoners have been jailed for the most innocent things. A ship's captain was arrested after he received a gift from a British Admiral thanking him for his assistance in running the German blockade during World War II. Denisovich was arrested after escaping from the Germans. He told Soviet officials the truth and was accused of being a traitor and sentenced to 10 years in a labor camp.

Perhaps one of the major faults of the film lies in the fact that the actors are not called upon to exert themselves. There are no great dramatic scenes and little which requires great acting ability. Tom Courtney as Ivan is adequate but the story does not really revolve around him. Instead, the story uses Ivan to show us what life in a Soviet prison camp was like - a constant struggle for survival.

A man lived by his wits in those camps. He had to wrap rags around his feet to prevent frostbite and he had to work hard in order to earn a larger ration of food. Life was difficult, but it was survivable.

The photography was excellent. The Norwegian countryside provides an excellent substitute for Siberia and some of the scenes were stunning. The whiteness of the snow, blending into a whitish sky, was blinding at some points and the slow dawning of day was well portrayed.

The musical score by Anne Nordheim was often distracting, being a combination of electronic music and some choral work, and did not always fit the mood or the images on the screen.

If this film does anything, it shows that man can survive under almost any conditions and can even retain his basic humanity. No matter how great the adversity or hardship, some humor remains and life goes on and individuals can still interact with one another, establish friendships and do favors for one another.

Despite these drawbacks, the film is interesting and very worthwhile seeing. It describes a period of time in history when the Soviet Union underwent great convulsions and it also points out the repressiveness of a totalitarian regime. Even today there are people undergoing the identical experiences in Soviet labor camps, only now many of these people are Soviet Jews who have demanded their right to leave the Soviet Union. The film shows what these people must undergo because they expressed their opinions and raised their voices in defense of freedom.

Ben Gurion history of Israel ponderous

book review

ISRAEL A Personal History
by David Ben Gurion
$20.00 **862 pages**

by Arnold Ages

There is an unfortunate truism that emerges from David Ben Gurion's weighty study of the history of Israel - the people who make history cannot necessarily write it.

This is admittedly a rather harsh commentary on a book that contains much that is valuable for students of Jewish history. The problem is that a collection of speeches, knesset debates and memoranda all tied together by an uninspiring narrative, does not constitute historical writing in the best sense of the word.

A comparison with the works of Winston Churchill makes Ben Gurion's volume all the more disappointing. Both men served their countries in the most dramatic years of struggle against violent forces. Churchill's legacy is the incomparable series of books on World War II. With matchless English prose Churchill chronicled the story of Britain's 'finest hour'. In Ben Gurion's account of the birth of Israel and its titanic struggle much of the passion and drama of those events is submerged in an impossible format.

It is irritating indeed to find Ben Gurion referring to himself in several different ways: I, Ben Gurion, the Prime Minister, the government. Surely a little bit of editorial assitance might have ironed out some of these confusing titles. Similarly, lengthy speeches and knesset debates could easily have been reduced to more palatable lengths. Indeed a third of this volume could have been excised had Ben Gurion had the good sense to limit his explorations to the most important events in Israel's history.

Yet despite the enormous weaknesses of this volume it has its undeniable importance as a source text for one of history's amazing developments, the resuscitation of Jewish life in Eretz Israel after a 1,900 year hiatus.

Ben Gurion's approach is chronological, tracing the growth of the state from the earliest pioneering movements in mid 19th century to the current geopolitical situation. Naturally he writes most effectively of those incidents with which he was closely connected - the rise of the Histadrut, the tensions of the Mandate, the political struggle with the British and the United Nations, the War of Independence and the Sinai campaign. The sections dealing with Israeli history subsequent to his resignation are rather pedestrian.

Those who hope to find in Ben Gurion's work some new information or inside stories about the early years of the state, will doubtless be disappointed. There are no spectacular revelations, no disclosures of state secrets, no confessions of clandestine operations or plots recorded here.

His comprehensive survey of Israeli history does, however, contain facts which heretofore have not received wide circulation, except perhaps in studies by specialists in the Middle East.

In the lengthy chapters dealing with the War of Independence, for example, Ben Gurion appears to be rather charitable towards the Jordanians. He records that the Hagana prisoners were well treated by their Jordanian captors. On the other hand, the Egyptians do not fare so well. They are accused of using poison gas during one assault on Hagana positions. The British, understandably, drew the author's scorn for their obstructionist activities during the last days of the Mandate. Ben Gurion is especially incensed by the British collusion in the massacre of the Hadassah convoy in 1947. Just before the doctors and nurses began their trip, British officials assured them that the road was clear. In fact it was infested with Arab ambuscades.

The ex-prime minister uses several pages to expatiate on the problems involved in creating the Israel Defense Forces, especially the integration of such elite units as the Palmah. He denies that he ever sought to destroy its effectiveness. On the issue of strategy in general, we learn that Hagana soldiers were given permission to dispense with fasting on Yom Kippur in 1948. An attack against Egyptian forces was being contemplated and a weakened army would, of course, been not as effective.

Current and Choice

The CJN recommends the following as the most interesting and worthwhile entertainment events of the week. It will be a regular CJN feature.

LITTLE THEATRE –
Strindberg's "The Creditors" with James Reaney's "One man Masque" presented by the University Alumnae Drama Club. It's an interesting combination of the bitter and the sweet with the latter show most effective. Robert Morgan is especially fine as the poet-philosopher. Until the 6th at the Coach House, 10 Maplewood.

FORUMS –
The Press and Where Its At. On November 9th it's at Town Hall. All the problems of the media will be exposed and representatives from the underground press, The Toronto Star and the Davey Report will be there on the panel to comment. Free. 8 p.m.

GALLERIES –
At Albert White's, Calder's automobiles in the form of animals make their debut. The colors are dazzling and so are the prices, but it's fun and children will enjoy it, too. Opening November 6.

FILMS –
Sunday, Bloody Sunday. A sensitive and funny film by John Schlesinger about a young sculptor who is carrying on an affair simultaneously with a Jewish homosexual doctor and a divorcee. With Peter Finch and Glenda Jackson. At the Hyland.

PLAY –
Galileo at St. Lawrence Centre.

Discuss Israel flights

C. P. Air holds meeting in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV –
Canadian Pacific Airlines "is meeting with poor loads and sparse traffic," according to Mr. John C. Gilmer, president of the company. Mr. Gilmer was speaking at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the board of directors at the Hilton Hotel here last week.

CP Air is the first foreign airline company ever to hold an annual meeting in Israel. It was attended not only by members of CP Air but also by Mr. Ian D. Sinclair, chairman of Canadian Pacific, the parent company.

Mr. Gilmer conceded that all "beginnings are difficult," but added that, "if we didn't think we could make a success of the line, we would never have opened it in the first place." CP Air started regular flights to Israel on April 1, this year.

The four weekly flights made by CP Air during the summer months have been reduced to three, but the normal four-weekly routine will be resumed for the summer tourist season.

Mr. Gilmer admitted that El Al had a decided edge at present over CP Air in flying to Canada from Lod, since El Al stopped at Montreal on its way to New York.

CP Air compensated for this to a great extent by making two stopovers en route to Israel - at Amsterdam and either at Rome or at Athens.

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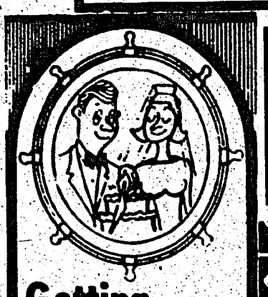
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Matchmaker prospers in Tel Aviv

by Nechemia Meyers

Several dozen young women from as many kibbutzim recently came together in a settlement near Haifa to discuss their common problem: the lack of a husband. Speaking with painful frankness, they revealed how difficult it is to remain alone, even in a collective society where family ties have no bearing on one's social and economic status.

Since kibbutz youngsters tend to marry in their early 20's, a girl becomes an old maid before she is even 30. She can certainly still participate in the settlement's numerous educational and social activities, but she finds it progressively more difficult to come in unaccompanied to the dining hall or the cultural center, to be asked again: "Nu, have you finally caught someone?"

Once a girl has run through the eligible candidates on her own kibbutz, she is usually sent elsewhere to continue the search for a husband. This may mean a job in the Tel Aviv headquarters of her kibbutz movement, or, perhaps, taking part in an "ideological" seminar limited to unmarried kibbutzniks. The participants hear lectures on Marx, management and music, but they are also left with ample free time for discussions of a more personal nature.

If all else fails, there are always the Tel Aviv matchmakers, who are as ready to serve kibbutz members as other sections of the population. As you may remember from Fiddler on the Roof, most of the Jews who were forced to flee Anatevka went to America, but Yente the matchmaker went to the Holy Land. That grand old lady has meanwhile passed away, but her successors are doing a booming business.

Matchmaking agencies which place hundreds of classified ads in the weekend newspapers use considerable imagination in describing their clients. For some inexplicable reason, all the would-be brides and grooms seem to be beautiful (or handsome), well educated and rich. Penniless plumbers and homely maiden aunts apparently never apply.

The public-spirited matchmakers stand ready to help Israelis anxious to see the world. They offer the chance of a mate in London or New York, Antwerp or Toronto. Some even maintain overseas offices.

The agencies do not overlook special interest groups. They promise, for example, to find nice religious girls for the graduates of yeshivot. The matchmakers also look for clients among the men and women who have already had one fling at matrimony. A typical ad declares: "Young divorcees, this time don't be so silly as to fall in love at first sight. Contact the Raim Agency instead."

People used to the advertising columns of the underground press will find the local matchmaking ads extraordinarily tame: men look for women and women for men. Homosexuals and couples interested in "trades" apparently make their arrangements on a private basis.

The matchmakers naturally boast about the number of men and women they have brought together, and even the number of children for whom they are responsible, however vicariously. In addition, they assure doubtful clients that once the knot is tied it stays tied.

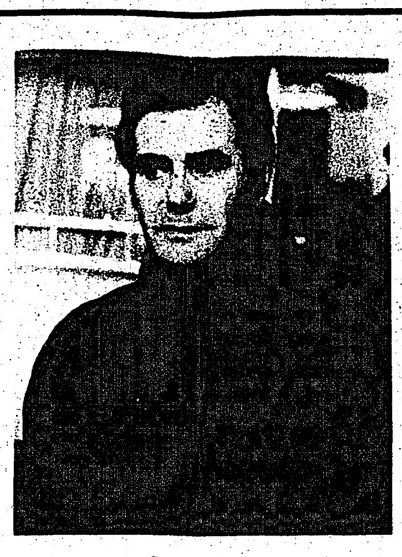
Statistics, as it happens, are on their side. Israel's divorce rate is only a quarter of that in the U.S. and not because of stricter divorce laws. On the contrary, divorces are relatively easy to obtain. Marriages probably hold together because Israel is still a relatively cohesive society, and also, perhaps, because of the threat of alimony. The male who wants to trade in his old-fashioned 1951 model wife for a streamlined 1971 model must consider the matter very carefully: it is, as he knows, virtually impossible to support two Israeli women on one Israeli salary.

Jewish world population increases

NEW YORK (JTA) -

The Jewish population of the world at the end of 1970 was an estimated 13,950,875, an increase of 75,225 over the preceding year, according to the 1972 "American Jewish Year Book," published by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society of America. The Jewish population listed for the United States at the end of last year, 5,870,000 was repeated from the previous year's figures pending completion of a statistical study.

The Jewish population of Israel, exclusive of the occupied Arab territories, rose from 2,497,000 to 2,560,000. Following are the fluctuations in selected countries: The Soviet Union, level at 2,620,000; France up 15,000 to 550,000; Poland, down 6,000 to 9,000; Egypt, steady at 1,000; Syria, level at 4,000; Iraq, level at 2,500. European Jewry increased from 4,030,950 to 4,046,150, but its percentage of the population remained at 5.5.



Joseph Kerler

Jewish Book Month plans poetry reading, report on USSR Jews in three languages

Toronto Jewry will join other Jewish communities across North America in marking the annual Jewish Book Month, it was announced this week by Ralph Shiff, chairman of the Toronto Jewish Book Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The theme of the Jewish Book Month, to be celebrated this November, is **Know Thyself - Read Jewish Books.**

Several events are planned for the month, including a poetry reading and an eye witness report from the Soviet Union by Joseph Kerler, the celebrated Yiddish poet who was recently allowed to leave that country and settle in Jerusalem.

"The Jewish Book Committee has dedicated its work to the promotion and interpretation of books of Jewish content in all three languages: English, Hebrew and Yiddish and to raising the standards of institutional and private libraries," said Mr. Shiff. "We hope to be able to render a significant service to the Jewish and general communities."

Future of Jewish charities endangered by proposed amendments to income tax bill

The future of Jewish charities may be in great danger if the proposed amendments to the federal income tax bill are passed, according to officials of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In a brief presented to the Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, the Congress affirmed that "the income tax amending bill has created entirely new and onerous tax liabilities with respect to charitable bequests.

"The fact that the federal government will be abandoning the estate tax field at the end of 1971 and that those provincial governments which levy succession duties provide generous exemptions for charitable bequests, will be of little assistance in encouraging such bequests if they lead to onerous income tax liabilities for the testator's estate. The new rules will also have an inhibiting effect on inter vivos charitable donations of appreciated property."

Senator Salter Hayden, chairman of the senate committee assured the CJC delegation, led by Saul Hayes, executive vice president of the Congress, that the commission was favorably impressed by the explanations submitted in the brief and will discuss it in due course.

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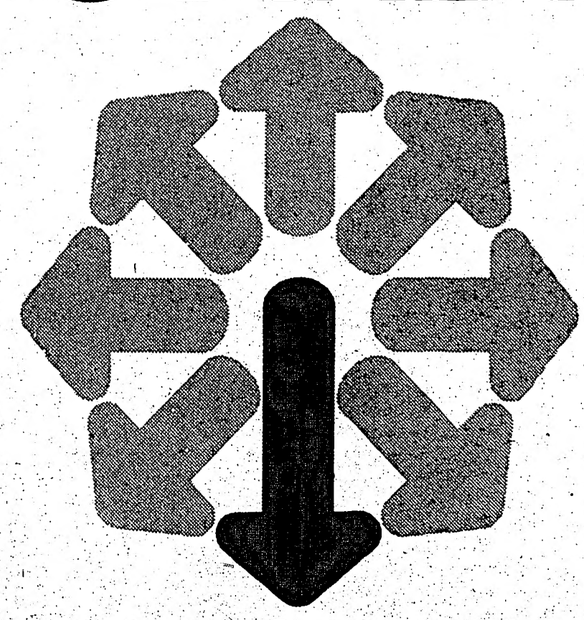

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